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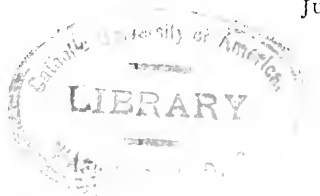
EPITAPHS  
FROM THE  
OLD BURYING GROUND  
IN  
GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

With Notes and an Appendix.

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"Data sunt ipsis quoque fata sepulcris."

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## Record of Epitaphs

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A TRIBUTE TO THE VIRTUES OF THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE OLD  
BURYING GROUND AT GROTON;

AND

IS INSCRIBED TO THEIR MEMORY.





*And is this all, a name, a date,  
Graved on the mouldering stone?  
And since, like men, rocks have their fate,  
How soon shall this be gone!*

*Nay, traveller, look on every side;  
For all the smiling scene,  
The fertile farms, the pastures wide,—  
These keep their memory green.*

*They held their own 'mid fierce alarms,  
With courage, prayer, and toil,  
'Gainst savage foes and British arms,  
Still masters of the soil.*

*No tombstone holds such men's renown;  
But this their deathless fame,—  
That children's children still hand down  
A pure and spotless name!*





## INTRODUCTION.

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A BURYING GROUND is suggestive of many thoughts. It represents a vast deal of affliction and bereavement. Each tombstone implies, generally, many days of mingled hope and anxiety, as well as long and weary nights of watching. The deepest depths of human feeling have been reached, as the kindred have stood around the open grave, and seen it filled with earth. Their very tears have consecrated the spot and made it hallowed ground. A stroll along the paths is wholesome in its lesson, for it reminds one of the uncertain hour that is certain to come. The quaint and homely epitaphs tell of an undying faith in a future life, and show the consolation that springs from such a belief.

Many names and dates, found nowhere else, are given on tombstones, and it is to rescue these facts from oblivion that this collection of epitaphs is now printed. Personal history is soon forgotten, and family records are easily lost ; and after the lapse of time the very inscriptions will be worn away.

“monumenta fatiscunt,  
Mors etiam saxis nominibusque venit.”

The old Burying Ground in Groton is situated very near the site of the second meeting-house, which was begun in the year 1680. The Ground has probably been used continuously for burial purposes since 1678, the date of the resettlement of the town after it had been burned by the Indians.

Its shape is nearly a right-angled parallelogram, about fifteen rods by thirty-two, and it contains three acres or thereabouts. The oldest monument within the enclosure is in memory of James Prescott, who died, May 9, 1704. He was the son of Jonas Prescott, a blacksmith, who procured a rough stone and chiselled the inscription himself with one of his own tools. Headboards may have been used before this time, but these in a few years would decay and disappear. It is very likely, however, that the earliest graves were not marked either by wood or stone. Most of the slabs in the graveyard are of slate, and were taken, probably, from the quarry in the adjoining town of Harvard, though a few may have been brought from England. In former times gravestones were occasionally imported all finished, except the lettering, which was put on afterwards.

The Ground is now crowded with its silent occupants, who outnumber, many times over, those living in the town. It has been the resting-place of the dead during two centuries, and for this reason should always be an object of interest and affection to the inhabitants of Groton. The feeling is akin to piety that prompts a people to take care of God's acre; and the living pay a due respect to the memory of the dead by making the place attractive.

The following entry contains the earliest reference to the Burying Ground found in the town records:—

“Groton January the 15 day in the y<sup>e</sup> 1710<sup>th</sup>

At a town meeting leagley warned prosedeth as foloeth by the maior vote have agreed upon and chose a comety to stat the Buiring place and reglat the hiways in the town whare it is nedfull the men chosen

Ensign Farnsworth	
Samuill scriptor senor	the towns
Thomas tarbell	comety
Samuill Parker	
Joseph lakin	

Joseph lakin  
clark ”

At this time the Ground had not yet been fenced in, nor its limits definitely fixed. Its use for burial purposes, doubtless, arose from its convenient position, and not from any formal vote of the town. The following writing, now in the possession of Mr. George D. Brigham, implies that there had been some slight disagreement between the town and the owners of the land:—

“Grotton Janewary the 23 in the year 1710<sup>II</sup>

A finall agrement between We the Subscribers to wit as foloeth that is to say the town Shall have for evir the Buring place from the high way by the meting house and so bounded Southerly upon M<sup>r</sup> hobarts fance where it now stands and bounded Westerly by lancister hiway for and in consideration of medow at masabog and up land where they shall pitch and allso to confirme the bounds of that Swamp and upland south to Joseph lakin and Abraham lakin as thair fances now stands it is to be onder stood that if thair be six acors of medow thay are to haue it if not to haue land equivalent to it and if not medow than fifty acors of upland.

Shebuel : hobart  
Gershom hobart

the towns Comety

Thomas tarbill  
Samuell parker  
John farnsworth  
Samuill <sup>his</sup> 2 Scriptor se[nior]  
<sup>mark</sup>  
Joseph Lakin ”

These two subscribers were sons of the Reverend Gershom Hobart, a former minister of the place, who had died in the year 1705. He lived on the site of the present Baptist meeting-house, directly opposite to one end of the Ground, and probably the sons had inherited the land from their father. The Reverend Mr. Hobart came to Groton in the spring of 1678,—the time of its resettlement,—or very soon afterward; and the town granted him, June 29, 1678, from the common land, a large number of acres in different lots, including probably the limits of the Burying Ground. It is

likely that the encroachment on Mr. Hobart's boundaries was so gradual that no notice was taken of it during his lifetime.

The following votes are found under their respective dates in the town records :—

March 2, 1724/5. "voted that they would fence in the burying place in said town; the question being put whether they would Chuse a committee to take care concerning fencing in of sd burying place in sd town & the committee bring their Report to the town at the next town meeting it past in the affirmative then proceeded & chose Richard Warnner Jonathan page and Jonathan hubbard for the committee before mentioned to take care concerning the fencing in the burying place "

May 14, 1725. "voted y<sup>t</sup> the Committee that were Employed to uew the burying place in order to the fencing of it in viz<sup>t</sup> Richard Warner Jonathan Page & Jonathan hubbard are Impowred & Directed to make a fence with boards about said burying place at the Cost & Charge of the town "

September 10, 1728. "voted. that Will<sup>m</sup> Shattuck shall have Liberty to mow the burying Place for the term of seven years upon condition that the said Shattuck keep in Good Repair the fence about said burying place, and Leave it so at the end of said term of time further voted that the said Shattuck Leave out a Lane of one pole wide at the south end thereof the fence at the suth end to be made at the Cost & Charge of the said Shattuck & Jonathan Page

further voted that Jon<sup>t</sup> hubbard Joseph Lakin & Sam<sup>l</sup> Tarbell be A com<sup>tee</sup> to Leas out the Gras Growing in said burying place as is above mentioned "

July 23, 1734. "Voted That William Shattuck may feed the Buriing place with Rames for the [year] 1734."

May 16, 1737. "Voted that The Selectmen are Desired & fully Impowred to take Care of the burying Place at y<sup>e</sup> Cost & Charge of the Town: to see that it be well fenced in & to Call William Shattuck to ann accomp<sup>t</sup> for the time he had the Care of it & to Sue the said Shattuck their for if they See Caus or any other person, or Persons that shall Trespasse on Said burying Place &c: "

August 21, 1738. "Voted that they will haue y<sup>e</sup> Buring place fenced in &c. Also voted that it be fenced in with a Good Stone Wall &c:



Voted that Jonathan Page Samu<sup>l</sup> Tarbell & Nathaniel Woods to be a Com<sup>tee</sup> & fully Impowered them to fence in the burying Place with a Good Stone Wall that is to [be] a Wall of foure feet & an half high & that thay Civer the Same with a flat Stone to be Don all at the towns Cost :

Voted that the Selectmen Stake out how bige the Buring place shall be fenced in, &c :

Voted y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> com<sup>tee</sup> Dispose of all y<sup>e</sup> bords & fence about y<sup>e</sup> burying place to the best advantage the Can for y<sup>e</sup> towns use."

May 23, 1739. "Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to fence in the Burying place: Do fence it with a Good Stone Wall viz<sup>t</sup> the East & West Ends, and the Two Other Sides with a Good Ditch Wall & to hew a Sufficient log Three Square and Lay it on the Top of s<sup>d</sup> wall all Round s<sup>d</sup> Burying Place."

March 4, 1739-40. "Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen at a former town meeting to Sell Parte of y<sup>e</sup> highways in s<sup>d</sup> town be ordered to pay to y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen to fence in y<sup>e</sup> burying Place in s<sup>d</sup> town y<sup>e</sup> Sum of fifty Pounds of y<sup>e</sup> Money Raised upon y<sup>e</sup> Selling of Highways as afores<sup>d</sup> to Enable them to Carry on s<sup>d</sup> work &c :"

The following article appears in the warrant for the town meeting, held November 3, 1794:—

"4. To See if the Town will repair the monument over the rev<sup>d</sup> Caleb Trowbridge\* grave it being nearly fallen down & choose some person to see it done."

The subject was duly considered at the meeting, when it was

"Voted that D<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lawrence repair the monument over the Rev<sup>d</sup> Caleb Trowbridge Grave."

In the warrant for the town meeting, held November 7, 1796, the seventh article is

"7. To see if the Town will enlarge their Burying Ground by Purchase or otherwise and do any thing to prevent the new graves interfering with the old ones—and pass Such Votes and orders thereon as they may think proper."

The meeting was duly held, when a committee was appointed, consisting of Lieutenant Samuel Rockwood,

Deacon Samuel Lawrence, and Timothy Bigelow, Esq., to consider the subject and report at the next meeting. This was accordingly done, and the following is their report made on May 1, 1797:—

“The Committee to whom was referred the expediency of exchanging the old road belonging to the Town leading from Cap<sup>t</sup>. Joseph<sup>h</sup> Richardsons to W<sup>m</sup> Lepears for a piece of land belonging to said Richardson lying contiguous to the burying ground on the south side thereof—and your Committee are of opinion that said exchange would be expedient: and that the selectmen be authorized to give said Richardson a deed of that part of said old road that lies between the town road leading by W<sup>m</sup> Lepears and the northwesterly corner of the land now occupied by the Wid<sup>o</sup>. Mary Tarbell—and that the selectmen should also be authorized to receive of said Richardson a deed to the Town of a peice of his land, bounded thus, beginning at the Southeast corner of the burying ground and running Southerly to the fifth post in said Richardson’s fence thence westerly to the back door of said Richardsons coat house thence northeasterly by the Town road to the Southwest corner of the burying ground—thence on the southerly side of the burying Ground to the corner first mentioned—and that the selectmen be authorized to agree with Cap<sup>t</sup>. Richardson on the terms of exchange.

Groton May 1, 1797	Submitted by	Sam <sup>l</sup> . Rockwood } Sam <sup>l</sup> . Lawrence } Comm <sup>rs</sup> . Tim <sup>y</sup> . Bigelow }
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The extracts from the town records after this date are made to conform, in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization, to common usage.

In the warrant for the town meeting, held June 21, 1802, the third article is as follows:—

“III. To see if the town will order that piece of land lying contiguous to the south side of the burying yard, which was purchased of Captain Richardson in 1797, to be added to the yard by enclosing the same with the fence, choose a committee for that purpose, or give any directions relating thereto as the town may think proper.”

When the subject was considered at the meeting, it was

"*Voted*, that the land mentioned in this article be enclosed with the fence of the common burying yard ; also voted that the selectmen be a committee to effect the same."

At the town meeting, held June 5, 1811, the following article was considered :—

"III. To see, as the wall upon the north side of the burying ground must of necessity be immediately rebuilt, if the town will order it to be set, so as to include all the land, belonging to said town, lying between the north side of said burying ground and the two roads that separate at the town's pound, the one leading to Spalter's Tavern, and the other leading by the gunhouse."

Whereupon it was

"*Voted*, that this article be committed to a committee of three persons, and that Captain James Lewis, James Brazier, and William Livermore be the same, with orders to report at some future meeting."

In the proceedings of September 23, 1811, it is recorded :—

"III. On this article, the Committee chosen in June last, to consider the expediency of rebuilding the wall upon the north side of the Burying Ground, and enlarging the same, reported that in their opinion it was expedient, which report was accepted by the town and ordered to be recorded ; but, upon motion for reconsidering the vote, it was obtained, and likewise a vote to pass over the article."

The following articles are found in the warrant for the town meeting, held in March, 1842 :—

"Article VII. To see if the town will direct the wall around the graveyard to be repaired or pass any vote in relation to the subject.

"Article VIII. To see if the town will pass any vote in relation to the tombs in the graveyard."

The action taken on these articles, at an adjourned meeting held April 4, 1842, was as follows :—

"*Voted*, to direct the selectmen to repair the wall around the graveyard as they may think proper.

“*Voted*, to direct the tombs in the graveyard to be covered with gravel, and then referred the subject to the selectmen with discretionary power subject to the foregoing vote.”

These votes, however, were slightly modified by the subsequent action at the town meeting, held May 23, 1842. The article in the warrant for that meeting reads :—

“Article V. To see whether the town will reconsider the vote passed at their last meeting so far as to leave the subject-matter of the tombs on and around the graveyard, and the manner in which the doors shall be secured, to the said selectmen, acting as a board of health; and to give the selectmen power to cause said tombs to be secured with an outside door of iron and an inside door of wood, if they shall think that will render them secure, or pass any vote in relation to that subject.”

In the proceedings of the meeting, it is recorded that

“The subject-matter of fifth article was referred to the selectmen, and the former vote reconsidered.”

From the warrant for the town meeting, held April 28, 1845 :—

“Article II. To see if the town will raise or appropriate a sum of money to improve the condition of the burial ground and repair the fence around the same.

“Article III. To see if the town will permit any persons who may form an association for that purpose to ornament the burial ground by planting trees and shrubs within and around the same, or pass any vote in relation to the burial ground.”

From the proceedings of the meeting :—

“Article II. *Voted*, that the selectmen cause the graveyard walls to be put in good repair and the gravestones in said yard to be set upright.

“Article III. *Voted* to give liberty to individuals to set trees and shrubs in and around the burial ground, under the direction of the selectmen.”

From the warrant for the town meeting, held January 20, 1851 :—

“ Article II. To see if the town will grant, to Noah Shattuck and others, leave to enclose and ornament according to the modern mode a lot or lots in the common burial ground, and to grade and ornament a walk or mall with a row of trees on either side through the centre of said yard leading from one gate to the other, on condition that in so doing no prior claims shall be injured.”

It was voted at the meeting to pass over this article.

From the warrant for the town meeting, held in March, 1851 :—

“ Article X. To see if the town will make any appropriation for ornamenting the common burying ground.

“ Article XI. To see if the town will choose a committee to investigate and report on what terms Noah Shattuck may ornament and occupy about five square rods of land in the common burying ground.”

From the proceedings of the adjourned meeting, held April 7, 1851 :—

“ Article X. The selectmen were chosen a committee to give directions for any individuals wishing to ornament the yard with trees.”

From the warrant for the town meeting, held November 14, 1853 :—

“ Article VII. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to repair the breach in the burying ground wall, made by the removal of the tomb of Noah Shattuck or pass any vote to effect the same.”

From the proceedings of the meeting :—

“ Article VII. The subject-matter of this article was referred to Joseph Rugg, Stuart J. Park, and Reuben Lewis, with instructions to report at future meeting.”

From the proceedings of the meeting, held April 3, 1854 :—

“ Article II. Stuart J. Park made a verbal report in relation to the old burying yard, which was accepted and referred to the selectmen, with instructions to carry out the suggestions of the report.”

From the warrant for the town meeting, held April 5, 1858:—

“Article VII. To see if the town will order the selectmen to expend twenty dollars in ornamenting the old burying ground, or pass any vote in relation thereto.”

From the proceedings of the meeting:—

“Article VII. *Voted*, that the selectmen expend \$20 in ornamenting the old burying ground, and also that they should investigate the condition of the same, and report at a future meeting.”

From the warrant for the town meeting, held April 1, 1867:—

“Article II. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the improvement of the old burying ground.”

From the proceedings of the meeting:—

“Article II. *Voted*, to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to renovate the old burying ground under the direction of the selectmen.”

The following report was made at an adjourned meeting, held May 6, 1872, and is found in the records of that date:—

“Article VI. The report of the committee chosen in April last to examine the old burial ground and report this day, was read and accepted by the town, and the following is a copy, to wit:—

“The committee chosen at the April meeting to examine the town burial ground, and to report to this meeting what was necessary to be done to put the same in permanent good order and respectable condition, respectfully report:—

“That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and, in their opinion, taking into consideration durability and economy, the best mode of fencing is by stone wall to be laid in the following manner; to wit, to remove the present walls upon the east and west sides of the ground, and dig a trench not less than three feet wide and three feet deep, fill it with small stones to within six inches of grade, then build a wall of the stones now in the walls, fitting them together as nicely as may be, three and a half feet high, and cap it with a straightened granite cap, eight inches in height by eighteen inches broad, laid to project two inches over the face of the wall, and to build a wall of the same kind, in the same manner, upon the north side, from two to six feet in front of the face of the tombs

(depending, as to the distance out, upon the number of tombs which the proprietors are willing to surrender and have demolished), and to point all said walls thoroughly with cement. To set gate posts at each gate of hammered granite, eight square, and hang good composite iron gates at each gate way, with proper fastenings, leaving a passage for persons between the gate posts and the walls. To grade a walk about eight feet in width around the ground, and set a row of forest trees between said walk and the street.

“The passage through the grounds from one gate to the other should also be graded, and trees set upon each side of it. The wall separating the burial ground from the land owned by individuals south of it should be relaid, but may be a rough wall or a board fence with stone posts.

“The gravestones should all be righted up, the moss removed where it renders the inscriptions illegible, and where possible the ground smoothed by removing mounds and filling hollows.

“Your committee think the appearance of the grounds would be much improved if the tomb holders would all consent to abandon the tombs, and have them uncovered and filled up ; those who have friends in them which they do not wish to remove could let them remain, and the covering of the tomb could be removed and the tomb filled up. They could then erect a gravestone or monument with suitable inscription to mark the spot, and they would have the satisfaction of knowing that the remains of their friends were permanently buried, which is more than can be said of them now.

“In talking with the tomb holders, your committee find that more of them are willing to have them demolished, but some few as yet seem unwilling. But your committee think if they would all visit the tombs and see the dilapidated condition in which some of them now are, and into which condition others are liable to come when there are no persons here who are personally interested in keeping them in order, they would all be ready at once to give them up if they could be assured that the remains of those now in them would be properly and permanently covered.

“Your committee find there is about sixty rods of outside wall to be built, which, at the present price of labor and materials, they think will cost about twelve hundred dollars ; two iron gates of eight feet width, with their posts and hangings, about two hundred and forty dollars ; the grading, filling, and setting out trees, perhaps five hundred dollars ; and for contingent expenses they allow one hundred and fifty dollars ; making a total of two thousand

and ninety dollars. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee,

SAMUEL W. ROWE,  
HENRY A. BANCROFT, } *Committee.*  
JOSEPH D. BLOOD,

“The following resolution was passed unanimously, to wit:—

“*Resolved*, that we, the inhabitants of Groton, in town meeting assembled, accept with gratitude the liberal offer of Mr. Charles P. Hemenway of Boston, to pay the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose of fencing and beautifying our town burial ground; and that we choose a committee of three persons by nomination from the chair, with full power to do the work in accordance with the report of the committee chosen in April last, this day made and accepted by the town.

“The following committee was nominated and chosen to carry out the plans for the improvements upon the burial ground, according to the report of the committee; viz., Samuel W. Rowe, Henry A. Bancroft, and George S. Gates.

“*Voted*, that the town clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Mr. Hemenway.”

From the proceedings of the meeting, held March 2, 1874:—

“Article XIII. The report of the committee chosen in May, 1872, to make improvements upon the old burial ground was read, accepted, and ordered to be placed on file in the archives of the town.

“*Voted*, that the selectmen be ordered to draw their warrants for the amount paid out by the committee over and above the amount of cash in their hands. Also

“*Voted*, that a vote of thanks be presented to Mr. Hemenway and a committee be appointed to get up a suitable testimonial to be presented to him for his liberality. And S. W. Rowe, Geo. S. Gates, and Henry A. Bancroft were chosen said committee.

“*Voted*, that a committee of one person, consisting of S. W. Rowe, be appointed, and that a committee shall be annually appointed to take care of the old burial ground, and the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) be appropriated for that purpose, subject to the order of said committee.

“*Voted*, that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be appro-



priated to pay Mr. Rowe for his services in improving the old burial ground."

From the proceedings of the meeting, held March 1, 1875:—

"Article IX. The report of S. W. Rowe, committee chosen in March last to take care of the old burying ground, was read, accepted, and its recommendations adopted; viz., that the trees which have died be replaced with live ones this spring, the brush and weeds got rid of, and the sidewalks repaired, &c., and S. W. Rowe was again chosen a committee to take care of the ground, with authority to expend fifty dollars, if necessary, the coming year."

During the past two years, Mr. Rowe has been appointed annually a committee to attend to the same duties mentioned in the last vote; and a similar appropriation of money has been made to defray the expenses.

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The verses immediately preceding this Introduction were written by a lady of Rutland, Vermont, whose ancestors, on her mother's side, were inhabitants of Groton during two centuries.

The Epitaphs were carefully copied by Mr. Arthur Bruce Coburn, of Charlestown, now a student of law; and it is to him that I am indebted for the accurate drawings from which the heliotypes in this book are made.

S. A. G.

BOSTON, *May*, 1878.



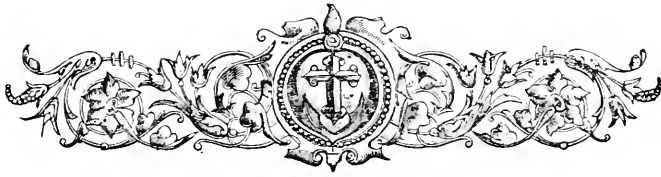


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## GROTON EPITAPHS.

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THE son of JONAS and MARY (LOKER) PRESCOTT, born  
March 16, 1684. See frontispiece.

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1712

1712  
A W M

1712  
S W

These initials are found on two foot-stones, each bearing the  
date 1712. I am unable to identify the persons.

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1716

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes the Body  
of M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia Whitney,  
Wife to Mr William  
Whitney : Aged 42  
Years : Deceased, the 24<sup>th</sup>  
of August, 1716.

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1717

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes Buried the  
 Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah  
 Trowbridge, Wife to y<sup>e</sup>  
 Rev<sup>nd</sup> Mr Caleb  
 Trowbridge ; Aged 26  
 Years, & 5 M<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup>  
 June, the 16<sup>th</sup>, 1717.

The daughter of Deacon THOMAS and MARY (WILSON)  
 OLIVER, of Cambridge, born November 14, 1690. She was  
 married March 10, 1714.

HERE LYES Y<sup>E</sup> BODY  
 OF MRS SARAH  
 LATE WIFE OF  
 CAP<sup>T</sup> JOSEPH BOYN  
 TON WHO DIED  
 FEBRUARY Y<sup>E</sup> 27  
 1717 AGED 71  
 WHO IN GOD HOUSE  
 TOOK GREAT DELITE  
 & PRIVATE MEETINGS  
 OF Y<sup>E</sup> UPRIGHT

1718

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Alice Woods  
 Wife to M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel  
 Woods ; Who Dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Jany y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1717/8. in y<sup>e</sup>  
 45<sup>th</sup> year of Her Age

DANIEL WOODS, one of her sons, was killed in Lovewell's  
 fight at Pigwacket, May 8, 1725.

1719

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes the  
Body of Mr.  
JOSHUA WHITNEY,  
Aged 83 Years,  
Dec<sup>d</sup> August. 7<sup>th</sup> 1719.

The son of JOHN and ELINOR WHITNEY, born July 15, 1635,  
at Watertown.

1720

HERE LYES Y<sup>E</sup> BODY  
OF M<sup>R</sup> JAMES  
ROBERTSON WHO  
DIED DECEMBER  
Y<sup>E</sup> 5<sup>TH</sup> 1720  
AGED 88 YEARS

Mr. WHITNEY and Mr. ROBERTSON, named above, were among  
the earliest settlers of the town ; living here before its destruction  
by the Indians in the year 1676.

1723

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes  
y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
Hannah Stone  
Who Dec<sup>d</sup>  
Sept<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
1723 in y<sup>e</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup> Year of  
Her Age.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes  
 y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Who Dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Sept<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
 1723 in y<sup>e</sup>  
 27<sup>th</sup> Year of  
 His Age.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes  
 y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
 Lydia Stone  
 Who Dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Sept<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
 1723 in y<sup>e</sup>  
 16<sup>th</sup> Year of  
 Her Age.

The three persons last named were children of Deacon  
 SIMON and SARAH STONE.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes Buried  
 the Body of  
 JONAS PRESCOTT  
 Esq<sup>r</sup>; Who Deceased  
 Decem<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>, 1723  
 Aged 76 Years

The son of JOHN and MARY (PLATTS) PRESCOTT, born at  
 Lancaster, in June, 1648.

1724

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of Cap<sup>t</sup> JERATHMELL  
 BOWERS Who  
 Dec<sup>d</sup> April y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>  
 1724 in y<sup>e</sup> 78<sup>th</sup>  
 Year of His Age.

He had previously lived in Chelmsford, of which town he was  
 one of the proprietors and a prominent inhabitant. At different  
 times, he commanded a company against the Indians, and was  
 a noted fighter of them. According to Savage, he was born  
 May 2, 1650.



Memento [*Hour-Glass*] Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Deborah Parker the daughter  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonas Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> and  
wife to Cap<sup>t</sup> samuel Parker of  
Groton who departed this Life  
september the 27<sup>th</sup> A D 1724  
in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of her Age

She was born March 5, 1694.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
M<sup>s</sup> Rebeckah Lawrance<sup>e</sup>  
Wife to Lieu<sup>t</sup>  
Jonathan Lawrance  
Who Dec<sup>d</sup> Febu<sup>r</sup>y  
y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1724 Aged  
about 74 Years

Her maiden name was RUTTER, and she was from Cambridge.

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1725

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes the  
Body of M<sup>r</sup>: Sarah  
Woods Wife to M<sup>r</sup>:  
Nathaniel Woods  
Who Dec<sup>d</sup> March  
y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1725 : in y<sup>e</sup> 45  
Year of Her Age.

Her maiden name was BROWN, and she was from Stow. She  
was married July 3, 1721.

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1728

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes Buried  
 y<sup>e</sup> Body of M<sup>r</sup>  
 THOMAS HUBBARD  
 Who Died Febr<sup>y</sup>  
 1<sup>st</sup> 1728, in y<sup>e</sup> 33<sup>d</sup>  
 Year of His Age

1729

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
 Lieu<sup>t</sup> JONATHAN  
 LAWRENCE ; Who  
 Died Septemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
 19<sup>th</sup>, 1729 in y<sup>e</sup> 73<sup>d</sup>  
 Year of His Age.

The son of JOHN and ELIZABETH LAWRENCE, of Watertown. By his will he left £100 to the town of Groton for buying a meeting-house bell ; £40 to the Church of Christ in Groton for procuring some silver plate ; and £20 to the Church, the income to be paid annually to the settled minister.

In the account of his estate, rendered April 5, 1732, by the executor, William Lawrence, the following items appear : —

Paid Benj <sup>a</sup> Bancroft for his Journey to Charlestown	
in order to procure wine for the Funeral and for	
wine itself . . . . .	2 „ 16 „ 6
Paid for the Coffin 6/ digging the Grave 5/ . . . . .	11
For the Gravestones 3 <sup>h</sup> transporting them 7/ . . . . .	3 „ 7 „ 0
Paid James Hay for Gloves . . . . .	9 „ 2 „

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of M<sup>r</sup> THOMAS  
 LAWRENCE ; Who  
 Died October 4<sup>th</sup>  
 1729. Aged 37 Years  
 9 Mont<sup>hs</sup> & 19 Days.

The son of JOHN and ANNA (TARBELL) LAWRENCE.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lyes Buried  
y<sup>e</sup> Body of M<sup>rs</sup>  
Mary Oliver Relict  
of y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas  
Oliver Esq<sup>r</sup> Who Died  
Decem<sup>br</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1729.  
Aged about 67 years.

Her maiden name was WILSON ; her husband lived in Cambridge, where he filled many important offices. The Reverend Mr. TROWBRIDGE and the Honorable BENJAMIN PRESCOTT each married one of her daughters. Her youngest child, SAMUEL, died on the same day as herself.

1731

HERE LIES BURIED  
Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF  
MR<sup>S</sup> SARAH STONE  
Y<sup>E</sup> WIFE OF DEACON  
SIMON STONE WHO  
DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE SEPTM<sup>BR</sup> Y<sup>E</sup> 16<sup>SH</sup>  
A·D 1731  
IN Y<sup>E</sup> 68<sup>SH</sup> YEAR  
OF HER AGE

HERE LIES  
BURIED THE  
BODY OF SARAH  
FARNWORTH THE  
DAUGHTER OF MR  
JEREMIAH AND  
MRS SARAH  
FARNWORTH WHO  
DIED NOUMB Y<sup>E</sup> 2  
1731 IN Y<sup>E</sup> 2 YEAR

HERE LIES  
BURIED THE BODY  
OF M<sup>r</sup> JEREMIAH  
FARNWORTH WHO  
DIED NOUEMBER  
THE 25<sup>d</sup> 1731 &  
IN Y<sup>e</sup> 32 YEAR  
OF HIS AGE

The son of JOHN and HANNAH (ALDIS) FARNSWORTH, born  
March 24, 1700-1.

[*Death's Head.*]  
Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of M<sup>r</sup> THOMAS  
FARWELL ; Who  
Died Decem<sup>br</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1731  
Aged 33 Years  
2 Mont<sup>s</sup> & 5 Day<sup>s</sup>

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1733

[*Death's Head.*]  
Here Lies The  
Body of M<sup>s</sup> Patience  
Farnsworth y<sup>e</sup> wife  
of M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin  
Farnsworth  
Who Departed this  
Life July y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1733 in y<sup>e</sup>  
31<sup>th</sup> year of her  
age

[*Death's Head.*]  
Here Lies The  
Body of M<sup>s</sup> Rebekah  
Farnsworth y<sup>e</sup> wife  
of M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin  
Farnsworth  
Who Departed this  
Life oct<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1756 in y<sup>e</sup>  
54<sup>th</sup> year of her  
age

BENJAMIN FARNSWORTH, the husband, died of small-pox,  
September 18, 1757.

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1735

HERE LIES BURIED  
 YE BODY OF YE  
 WIDOW MARY  
 PRESCOTT RELICK<sup>s</sup>  
 OF JONAS PRESCOTT  
 ESQ<sup>r</sup> WHO DEC<sup>d</sup>  
 OCTOB<sup>r</sup> YE 28<sup>th</sup> A D  
 1735 IN YE 82<sup>d</sup>  
 YEAR OF HER AGE

The daughter of JOHN and MARY (DRAPER) LOKER, born September 28, 1653; she was the mother of twelve children, of whom ten lived to grow up and be married, each one having a large family. It is said that she lived to see 176 of her descendants.

1736

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes Buried  
 Ye Body of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 JOHN SHEPLE, Who  
 Departed this life  
 Sep<sup>t</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup> 1736, in Ye 60  
 Year of His Age.

All his father's family — excepting himself — were massacred by the Indians, in the assault of 1694, and he was carried off and held a prisoner during four years. He is the direct ancestor of the late Honorable ETHER SHEPLEY, formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Maine.

1738

HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF  
 M<sup>R</sup> NATHANAEL  
 WOODS WHO  
 DEC<sup>D</sup> JUNE Y<sup>E</sup>  
 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNO 1738  
 IN Y<sup>E</sup> 71<sup>ST</sup> YEAR  
 OF HIS AGE

The son of SAMUEL and ALICE WOODS, born March 27, 1668.

HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF Y<sup>E</sup>  
 HONOURABLE COLL  
 BENJAMIN PRESCOTT  
 ESQ<sup>R</sup> WHO  
 DEPARTED THIS  
 LIFE AUGUST  
 Y<sup>E</sup> 3<sup>D</sup> ANNO DOM  
 1738 AGE  
 42 YEARS 7 M  
 & 30 D.

The son of JONAS and MARY (LOKER) PRESCOTT, born January 4, 1696; married, June 11, 1718, ABIGAIL OLIVER, of Cambridge. BENJAMIN was the father of Colonel WILLIAM PRESCOTT, who commanded the American forces at the battle of Bunker Hill.

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1739

HERE LIES  
BURIED Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF  
MR<sup>S</sup> ABIGAIL PRESCOT<sup>T</sup>  
DAUGHT<sup>R</sup> OF Y<sup>E</sup>  
HONOURABLE CO<sup>LL</sup>  
BENJAMIN PRESCOTT  
ESQ<sup>R</sup> & MR<sup>S</sup> ABIGAIL  
HIS WIFE WHO  
DEC<sup>D</sup> NOVEMB<sup>R</sup>  
Y<sup>E</sup> 7<sup>TH</sup> A D 1739  
AGE 20 YEARS  
6 M & 12 D

1740

HERE LIES BURIED  
Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF  
NATHANIEL HOLDIN  
Y<sup>E</sup> SON OF M<sup>R</sup>  
NATHANIEL & MR<sup>S</sup>  
ABIGAIL HOLDIN  
WHO DEC<sup>D</sup> APRIL  
Y<sup>E</sup> 30<sup>TH</sup> 1740  
IN Y<sup>E</sup> 19<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
OF HIS AGE

He was born October 2, 1721.

HERE LIES BURIED  
Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF M<sup>R</sup>  
NATHANIEL HOLDIN  
WHO DEPARTED  
THIS LIFE  
MAY Y<sup>E</sup> 15<sup>TH</sup>  
A D 1740  
IN Y<sup>E</sup> 49<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
OF HIS AGE

The son of STEPHEN and HANNAH HOLDEN.

HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF M<sup>R</sup>  
 JOSEPH FARWELL  
 WHO DEPARTED  
 THIS LIFE  
 AUGUST Y<sup>E</sup> 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 A. D 1740  
 AGE 70 YEARS  
 & 14 D<sup>S</sup>

[*Death's Head.*]  
 Here Lies The Body  
 of Mr Obadiah  
 Sawtell Who Departed  
 This Life March The 20<sup>th</sup>  
 A D 1740 in y<sup>e</sup> 92<sup>th</sup>  
 Year of his Age.

The son of RICHARD and ELIZABETH SAWTELL, of Watertown ; he married HANNAH, daughter of GEORGE and ELIZABETH LAWRENCE.

1741

HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF DEAC<sup>N</sup>  
 SIMON STONE  
 WHO DEPARTED  
 THIS LIFE  
 DECEMB<sup>R</sup> Y<sup>E</sup> 19<sup>TH</sup>  
 A D 1741  
 AGE 85 YEARS  
 3 M & 11 D

The eldest son of SIMON and MARY (WHIPPLE) STONE, of Watertown ; he was one of the original proprietors of Groton.



HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF M<sup>R</sup>  
 EPHRAIM PEARCE  
 WHO DEPARTED  
 THIS LIFE  
 FEBRUARY Y<sup>E</sup> 27<sup>TH</sup>  
 A D 1741  
 IN Y<sup>E</sup> 68 YEAR  
 OF HIS AGE

The son of DANIEL and ELIZABETH PIERCE, born October 15, 1673.

1744

HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF M<sup>R</sup>  
 PHINEHAS PARKER  
 WHO DEPARTED  
 THIS LIFE  
 AUGUST Y<sup>E</sup> 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 A. D. 1744  
 IN Y<sup>E</sup> 63<sup>D</sup> YEAR  
 OF HIS AGE

The son of JAMES and MARY (PARKER) PARKER. His father and mother were killed by the Indians, in their assault on the town, July 27, 1694; he was captured at the same time, and held a prisoner during four years. He was released, probably in the summer of 1698; and a petition to the General Court, dated May 31, 1699, represents him as being "lame of one of his Leggs occasioned by y<sup>e</sup> cruelty of y<sup>e</sup> Salvages," and says that "it is very questionable whether ever he will be cured, & has little or nothing left him of his Fathers estate for his support." In answer to this petition, it was voted that six pounds of money be allowed out of the public treasury.

[*Hour-Glass.*]

Memento Mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

HERE LIES THE BODY OF  
CAP<sup>T</sup> JONATHAN SHEPLE  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
NOVEMBER THE 4<sup>TH</sup> 1744  
AGED 44 YEARS 9 MONTHS  
AND 4 DAYS

The son of JOHN and LYDIA SHEPLE, born September 1, 1700.  
He married, December 26, 1728, LYDIA, daughter of WILLIAM  
and ELIZABETH LAKIN.

1745

HERE LIES BURIED

Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF

LYDIA HOLDIN

DAUGHT<sup>R</sup> OF M<sup>R</sup>

NATHAN<sup>I</sup><sub>A</sub> & M<sup>R</sup><sup>S</sup>

ABIGAIL HOLDIN

WHO DEC<sup>D</sup> FEBRU<sup>R</sup>Y,

Y<sup>E</sup> 5<sup>TH</sup> A D 1744/5

IN Y<sup>E</sup> 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

OF HER AGE.

She was born December 6, 1725.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lyes y<sup>e</sup>

Body of Elezebe<sup>th</sup>

Green y<sup>e</sup> Daughter

of M<sup>r</sup> William & M<sup>rs</sup>

Hannah Green,

who Died Agust

y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> A D 1745

Being 2 Months

& 14 days old.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
Phinehas Bowers y<sup>e</sup> son of  
M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Bowers and  
M<sup>rs</sup> Deborah his Wife  
who departed this Life  
September y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1745  
Aged 1 year 11 months  
and 12 days

Memento Mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the  
Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Eunice  
Boyden wife of M<sup>r</sup>  
Josiah Boyden, who  
departed this Life  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1745. Age<sup>d</sup>  
37 years.

The daughter of SAMUEL and ABIGAIL (LAKIN) PARKER, born  
March 11, 1705-6. She was married January 12, 1730.

1746

HERE LIES BURIED  
Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF MR<sup>S</sup>  
ABIGAIL BULKLEY  
Y<sup>E</sup> WIFE OF CAP<sup>T</sup>  
JOHN BULKLEY  
WHO DEC<sup>D</sup> APRIL Y<sup>E</sup>  
15 A<sup>D</sup> 1746  
IN Y<sup>E</sup> 40 YEAR  
OF HER AGE  
ALSO 5 SONS &  
2 DAUGHTERS

1747

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of

M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia ShepleRelect to Capt Jonathan Sheple  
who departed this LifeOctober ye 10<sup>th</sup> 1747in the 50<sup>th</sup> Year

of her Age

The daughter of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH LAKIN, born  
January 14, 1697.

[*Skull and Cross-Bones.*]

Here lyeth the Body of

M<sup>rs</sup> Unice Lawrance theDaughter of M<sup>r</sup>

Nathaniel and Anna

Lawrance who died

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> A D 1747.Aged 10 Years 3 month<sup>s</sup>

and 21 Days.

1749

HERE LIES BURIED

Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF M<sup>R</sup>

JAMES PARKER

WHO DEPARTED

THIS LIFE

JANUARY Y<sup>E</sup> 21<sup>ST</sup>

A D 1748/9

IN Y<sup>E</sup> 63<sup>U</sup> YEAR

OF HIS AGE

The son of JAMES and MARY (PARKER) PARKER, born March  
24, 1686-7 ; he married ABIGAIL, daughter of JONAS and MARY  
(LOKER) PRESCOTT.

HERE LIES BURIED  
 YE BODY OF MR  
 JAMES PARKER JUN<sup>R</sup>  
 WHO DEPARTED  
 THIS LIFE  
 JANUARY YE 29<sup>TH</sup>  
 A D 1748/9  
 IN YE 26<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
 OF HIS AGE.

The son of JAMES and ABIGAIL (PRESCOTT) PARKER, born February 20, 1722-3. His father's epitaph immediately precedes his own.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies ye Body of  
 Amos Farnsworth ye Son  
 of Mr Amos Farnsworth  
 & Mrs Lydia his Wife  
 Who Dec<sup>d</sup> July ye 9<sup>th</sup>  
 A D 1749 in ye 4<sup>th</sup> Year  
 of his Age Alsoe ye  
 birth & death of a Son  
 Sep<sup>r</sup>, ye 30 A D 1750

Here Lies Buried  
 Ye Body of ye wid<sup>ow</sup>  
 MARY PEIRCE  
 Relec<sup>t</sup> to Mr Ephr<sup>i</sup>m  
 Peirce Who Dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Decem<sup>br</sup> ye 29<sup>th</sup>  
 A. D 1749  
 In ye 75 year  
 Of Her Age.

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1750

HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF MR<sup>S</sup>  
 MARY PRESCOTT  
 WIFE OF JONAS  
 PRESCOTT *Esq<sup>r</sup>*  
 WHO DEC<sup>d</sup>  
 FEBRUARY Y<sup>E</sup> 17<sup>TH</sup>  
 A. D. 1749/50  
 ABOUT 75 YEAR<sup>S</sup>  
 OLD

The daughter of JOHN and FAITH (DUNSTER) PAGE, born January 9, 1674-5. She was married April 30, 1718, and was JONAS PRESCOTT'S second wife.

[*Death's Head.*]

HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF DEAC<sup>N</sup>  
 JOHN LONGLEY  
 WHO DEPARTED  
 THIS LIFE  
 MAY Y<sup>E</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup>  
 A D 1750  
 IN Y<sup>E</sup> 68<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
 OF HIS AGE

The son of WILLIAM and DELIVERANCE (CRISPE) LONGLEY. When Groton was assaulted by the Indians July 27, 1694, he was taken captive, and held a prisoner during more than four years.

HERE LIES BURIED  
Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF CAP<sup>T</sup>  
JONAS PRESCOTT ESQ<sup>R</sup>  
WHO DEPARTED  
THIS LIFE  
SEPTEMBER<sup>BR</sup>. Y<sup>E</sup> 12<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNO DOMINI 1750  
AGE 71 YEARS  
10 M & 17 D<sup>S</sup>

The son of JONAS and MARY (LOKER) PRESCOTT, born  
October 26, 1678.

1751

HERE LIES BURIED  
Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF M<sup>RS</sup>  
ABIGAIL PARKER  
RELECT WIDOW OF  
M<sup>R</sup> JAMES PARKER  
WHO DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>  
A. D. 1751.  
AGE 63 YEARS  
3 M & 6 DAYS.

The daughter of JONAS and MARY (LOKER) PRESCOTT, born  
May 8, 1688.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies Buried  
Y<sup>e</sup> Body of Mr Jonath<sup>n</sup>  
Page First Son of  
Ensign Jonat & M<sup>rs</sup>  
Mary PAGE Who  
Departed This Life  
August the 30  
A. D. 1751. IN Y<sup>e</sup>  
42 year of His  
AGE

He was born June 5, 1710.

Memento mori

[Three Cherubs' Heads.]

Here lies the Body of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Mercy Daby wife of  
 M<sup>r</sup> Simon Daby, who departe<sup>d</sup>  
 This Life August. 31<sup>st</sup> 1751.  
 Aged 34 yeas & 10 days.

Also Phebe  
 their Daughter  
 who departed  
 this Life Septem<sup>r</sup>  
 20<sup>th</sup> 1751. Aged 3<sup>days</sup>.  
 Years, 1 month & 25

Likewise Sarah  
 their Daughter  
 Born at her  
 Mothers death  
 and lived 15  
 days.

A loving Mother, a Pleasant Child,  
 An Infant dear, all lies here.  
*Naked as from the Earth we came,  
 And crept to Life at first,  
 We to the Earth return again,  
 And mingle with our dust.*

[Death's Head.]

Here Lies Buried  
 The Body of Ensign<sup>e</sup>  
 JONATHAN PAGE  
 Who Departed This  
 Life Septem<sup>br</sup> 30  
 Anno Domini 1751  
 In y<sup>e</sup> 75 year  
 Of His Age.

The son of JOHN and FAITH (DUNSTER) PAGE, born June 24,  
 1677, at Watertown.



HERE LIES BURIED  
 Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF MR<sup>S</sup>  
 MARY PRESCOTT  
 DAUGH<sup>TR</sup> OF COR<sup>LL</sup>  
 BENJ<sup>A</sup> PRESCOTT  
 ESQ<sup>R</sup> & MR<sup>S</sup> ABIGAIL  
 HIS WIFE WHO  
 DEC<sup>D</sup> OCTOB<sup>R</sup> Y<sup>E</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup>  
 A D 1751  
 AGE 16 YEARS  
 2 M & 18 D<sup>S</sup>

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1753

[*Death's Head.*]

Abel Lawrence a Twin  
 Son of M<sup>r</sup> Abel  
 and M<sup>rs</sup> Mary  
 Lawrence Died  
 July y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1753  
 Aged 9 Months

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies Buried  
 y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
 Lemuel Page Son  
 of M<sup>r</sup> John & M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Mary Page Who  
 Dec<sup>d</sup> Augu<sup>t</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>  
 N. S. A. D. 1753  
 Age 5 years  
 11 M & 5 D<sup>S</sup>

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> body of  
 Samuel Rockwood  
 Son of M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Rock W<sup>ood</sup>  
 Who departed this Life  
 The 2<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup>  
 A D 1753 in the  
 12<sup>th</sup> year of his age

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> body  
 of Moses Rock-  
 Wood Son of r Eli<sup>M</sup>  
 Sha Rock Wood  
 Who dece<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>  
 7<sup>th</sup> 1753 in y<sup>e</sup>  
 A D  
 1<sup>th</sup> year of his  
 age

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies the bod<sup>y</sup>  
 of Elisabeth Rock-  
 Wood daughter of  
 M<sup>r</sup>  
 Elisha Rockwood  
 Who departed this  
 Life the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
 of September  
 A D 1753 in the  
 15<sup>th</sup> year of her age

[*Death's Head.*]

And allso the body  
 of Lydia Rockwood  
 Daughter of r Elisha<sup>M</sup>  
 Rockwood Who  
 Departed this Life  
 The 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
 Sept<sup>r</sup> A D 1753  
 in the 6<sup>th</sup> year  
 of her age

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies the body of  
 Susana parkar Wife of  
 M<sup>r</sup> William parkar Who  
 Departed this Life  
 The 19<sup>th</sup> day of october  
 A D 1753 in  
 The 34 year of her age.

The daughter of SAMUEL and SARAH KEMP, born May 14, 1720.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies the body  
 of Susana parkar  
 M<sup>r</sup>  
 Daughter of William  
 parkar Who departed  
 This Life November  
 4<sup>th</sup> A. D 1753 in the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 year of her age.

She was born February 10, 1736-7.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
 Capt John Gillson Who  
 Departed This Life y<sup>e</sup>  
 17<sup>th</sup> Day of november  
 A D 1753  
 in the 56 year  
 of his age.

The son of JOHN and SARAH GILSON, born March 2, 1697-8.  
 He married, first, December 8, 1722, MARY, daughter of JOHN  
 and MARY (BLOOD) SHATTUCK, born April 11, 1699; and,  
 secondly, RACHEL —

[*Hour-Glass,*  
*Skull,*

*Hora and Fugit*  
*Cross-Bones.]*

This Stone is Erected by

M<sup>r</sup> Abel Parker,

M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Holdin,

and M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Laken: also

M<sup>r</sup> John Blood & M<sup>r</sup> Isaac woods

to the Memory of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph

Parker, who departed this life

Nov<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1753. Aged 64 years

8 months, and 26 days.

and by M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Parker.

*Dear friends for me pray do not weep*

*I am not dead but here do sleep,*

*Within this solid lump of clay;*

*Untill the Resurrection day.*

*And here indeed I must Remain,*

*Till Christ doth rais me, up again.*

The son of JOSEPH and HANNAH PARKER, born March 1, 1689.

Here lies the Body of

James Parker y<sup>e</sup> son of

M<sup>r</sup> Peter Parker and

M<sup>rs</sup> Prudence his wife

who departed this Life

Nov<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1753

in the 3<sup>d</sup> Year

of his Age

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> body

of M<sup>s</sup> Abigail Sawtell y<sup>e</sup>

Wife of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim

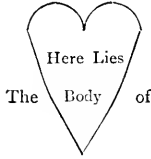
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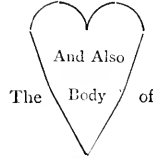
A D 1753 in y<sup>e</sup> 66<sup>th</sup>

year of her age

[ *Skull and Hour-Glass. Cross-Bones.*     *Skull and Hour-Glass. Cross-Bones.*     *Skull and Hour-Glass. Cross-Bones.*     *Skull and Hour-Glass. Cross-Bones.* ]



Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Holdin  
Who Departed This  
Life Decm<sup>br</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1753 in  
The 69 year  
of his age.



M<sup>s</sup> Sarah  
Holdin The Wife of Lieu<sup>t</sup>  
John Holdin Who  
Depart<sup>d</sup> This Life dec<sup>mbr</sup>  
The 21<sup>th</sup> A D 1753  
in the 59<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.

The son of STEPHEN and HANNAH HOLDEN ; his wife was the daughter of JOHN and MEHITABLE DAVIS, born September 22, 1694. JOHN HOLDEN was taken by the Indians in the year 1697, and held a prisoner during one year and ten months.

1754

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
M<sup>r</sup> Elezer Gillson  
Who departed this Life  
February y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1754  
in y<sup>e</sup> 59<sup>th</sup> Year  
of his Age.

The son of JOSEPH and HEPSIBAH GILSON ; he married, May 6, 1719, HANNAH, daughter of JOSEPH and HANNAH FARWELL. She was born May 6, 1701, and died May 11, 1762.

[*Cherub.*]

In memory of  
MRS. SARAH TARBELL  
the wife of  
MR. JOHN TARBELL,  
who departed this life  
the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
April 1754; in the  
29<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Her maiden name was PARKER; she was probably the daughter of SAMUEL and SARAH PARKER, born December 2, 1725.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lyes the Body of  
Mr William Pierce  
who departed this  
Life May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1754  
in the 41<sup>st</sup> year  
of his Age

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> Body of Mr  
James Dickinson who  
Departed This Life July  
y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> A D 1754 in y<sup>e</sup> 69<sup>th</sup>  
Year of his Age

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> body  
of Ephraim Farnsworth<sup>th</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> Son of Leut Ezra  
& Abigail  
Farnsworth Who  
Departed This Life  
Sept<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> A D 1754  
in y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> year of his age

He was born August 9, 1747.

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1755

*Memento mori*

[Cherub's Head.]

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In memory of

M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Green,(Son of M<sup>r</sup> JonathanGreen & M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah his  
wife) who departed thisLife Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1755.In the 28<sup>th</sup> year  
of his Age.

He was born February 26, 1727-8.

1756

[Death's Head.]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> body of

Thomas Woods Son

of Leut isa<sup>a</sup>c Woods WhoDeparted this Life Febr<sup>r</sup>10<sup>th</sup> A D 1756 in y<sup>e</sup> 28

year of his age

The son of ISAAC and ABIGAIL (STEVENS) WOODS, born  
December 29, 1728.

[Death's Head.]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> Body ofSarah Farnsworth y<sup>e</sup>Daughter of M<sup>r</sup> AmosFarnsworth & M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia his wifewho Dece<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> A D 1756in y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Year of her Age

The eldest child of AMOS and LYDIA (LONGLEY) FARNSWORTH,  
born October 10, 1736.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies  
The Body of Mr James  
Green who Departed  
This Life Sept<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1756 in y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>  
year of his age

The son of ELEAZER and ANNA (TARBELL) GREEN, born June 19, 1728.

1757

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies the Body of  
Capt Thomas Tarbell  
Who Departed this Life  
May the 30<sup>th</sup> 1757  
Aged 69 Years 8 Months  
& 5 days

The eldest son of THOMAS and ELIZABETH (WOODS) TARBELL, born September 15, 1687. Two of his brothers, JOHN and ZECHARIAH, and a sister LYDIA, were carried off by the Indians, June 20, 1707, and taken to Canada. The boys afterward married Indian wives, and their descendants are still living among the Indians at St. Regis, a village near the New York State line, on the St. Lawrence River. The epitaph of his brother WILLIAM, born June 10, 1689, appears at the bottom of the opposite page.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> Body of Mr  
Benjamin Farnsworth Junr  
Who Departed This Life  
Aug<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> A D 1757  
Aged 20 Years 5 Months  
& 28 Days who Died with  
Y<sup>e</sup> Small pox

The son of BENJAMIN and REBEKAH FARNSWORTH, born February 24, 1736.



Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies The Body of Mr  
Benjamin Farnsworth Who  
Departed This Life Sept<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1757 Aged 58 Years  
7 Months & 22 Days  
who Died with y<sup>e</sup> small Pox

The son of BENJAMIN and MARY (PRESCOTT) FARNSWORTH,  
born January 16, 1699.

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail  
Holdin y<sup>e</sup> Wife of Mr Nathanael  
Holdin Who Departed This Life  
Sept<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> A D 1757 in y<sup>e</sup> 66<sup>th</sup>  
Year of her Age

Her maiden name was STONE ; she was probably the daughter  
of Deacon SIMON and SARAH STONE.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies a Daughter  
of D<sup>r</sup> Oliver Prescott  
& m<sup>r</sup> Lydia his wife  
Born Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>  
1757.  
Still Born.

Memento Mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

[*Skull  
and  
Cross-Bones.*]

Here Lies y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> William Tarbell Who  
Departed This Life Decem<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup> A D 1757 in y<sup>e</sup> 69<sup>th</sup> Year  
of His Age

[*Skull  
and  
Cross-Bones.*]

*Here lies intomb'd in this grave here  
A Husband kind, a parent dear  
A Neighbour good the poor mans friend  
Whom death hath brought unto his end*

1758

Memento [*Hour-Glass.*] Mori[*Cherub's Head.*]

HERE LIES THE BODY OF

M<sup>R</sup> JOHN BLOOD

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

AUGUST THE 23<sup>D</sup> 1758IN THE 70<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

OF HIS AGE.

The son of JAMES and ABIGAIL BLOOD, born March 16, 1689.  
His father was killed by the Indians, September 13, 1692.

[*Skull  
and  
Cross-Bones.*]

[*Hour-Glass.*]  
*Memento mori*  
[*Cherub's Head.*]

[*Skull  
and  
Cross-Bones.*]

*Halt Passenger as you go past  
Remember time it runneth fast  
My dust in narrow Bounds do lie  
Remember man that thou must die*

<i>From</i>	Here lies the Body of Mr Jacob Lakin who was Born in Groton and departed this Life	<i>Age</i>
<i>Deaths</i>	August the 29 <sup>th</sup> 1758 Aged 57 Years 8 Months & 22 days	<i>is</i>
<i>Arrist</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>free</i>

*This dust revive it Shal again  
And in a grave no more remain  
When trumpet Sounds I Shal arise  
And Selebrat my God his praise*

The son of JOSEPH and ABIGAIL LAKIN, born December 7, 1700.

Memento mori  
*[Skull and Cross-Bones.]*  
 Here lyeth the Body  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Anna Lawrance  
 the wife of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Nathaniel Lawrance,  
 who Departed this  
 Life Sep<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1758  
 Aged 73 Years 8 month<sup>s</sup>  
 and 21 Days.

Her maiden name was SCRIPTURE.

	Memento Mori	
	<i>[Death's Head.]</i>	
	Here Lies Buried the Body of	
free	Mr. Benjamin Stone	From
	Who Departed this Life	
	September the 23 <sup>d</sup> 1758	
	in the	
Is	53 <sup>d</sup> Year	Deaths
	of his Age	
Age	no	Arest

The son of Deacon SIMON and SARAH STONE, born August 12,  
 1706.

Memento mori  
*[Death's Head.]*  
 Here lies the Body of  
 Ensign Obidiah Parker  
 who departed this Life  
 Sep<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1758 in the  
 61<sup>st</sup> year of his Age  
 Halt passenger as you go past  
 Remember time it runneth fast  
 My dust in narrow bounds do lie  
 Remember man that thou must die  
 This dust revive it shall again  
 And in a grave no mor remain  
 When trumpet Sounds I shall be raisd  
 For this God's holy word hath said

[*Hour-Glass.*]

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

HERE LIES THE BODY OF  
M<sup>R</sup> JONATHAN GREEN  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
OCTOBER THE 10<sup>th</sup> 1758  
IN THE 58<sup>th</sup> YEAR  
OF HIS AGE.

He married, February 25, 1724-5, SARAH, daughter of JOSIAH  
and LUCY LAKIN.

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies the Body of  
Benjamin woods the son of  
M<sup>R</sup> John woods & M<sup>RS</sup>  
sarah his Wife who  
Departed this Life  
November 19<sup>th</sup> 1758  
Being 19 Years 3 weeks  
& 5 days old

He was born October 13, 1739.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
M<sup>R</sup> Jonathan Green Jun<sup>nr</sup>  
<sup>born</sup>  
May y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1733  
and departed this Life  
December y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1758  
Aged 25 Years 7 months  
and 11 days.

The son of JONATHAN and SARAH (LAKIN) GREEN.

1759

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
 Mr David Nutting  
 who departed this Life  
 Feberuary the 24 1759  
 in the 36<sup>th</sup> Year  
 of his Age

The son of EBENEZER and RUTH (SHATTUCK) NUTTING, born  
 August 20, 1724.

[*Death's Head.*]

Here Lies the Body of  
 sarah Holdin the Daughter  
 of Mr Isaac Holdin  
 & Mrs sarah his wife  
 who was Born January  
 19<sup>th</sup> & Died March  
 the 6<sup>th</sup>  
 1759

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

	Here lies the Body of	
	Mr John Conn	
<i>From</i>	who departed this Life	<i>Age</i>
	March 16 <sup>th</sup> 1759	
<i>Death's</i>	in the 76 <sup>th</sup> Year	<i>is</i>
	of his Age	
<i>Arrist</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>free</i>

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
James Parker y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> son of  
Mr Peter Parker and  
M<sup>rs</sup> Prudence his Wife  
who departed this Life  
March y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1759  
in the 3<sup>d</sup> Year  
of his Age

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Esther Parker the Wife of  
Mr Abel Parker who was Born in Groton  
May the 21<sup>st</sup> 1726 & departed this Life  
April the 5<sup>th</sup> 1759 Aged  
thirty two Years  
ten months and  
fifteen days

*Halt pashenger as you go fast  
Remember time it runneth fast  
Thy dust in narow Bounds do lie  
Remember man that thou must die  
This dust revive it shall again  
And in a grave no more remain  
When trumpet sounds I shall arise  
And selebrat my God his Prais*

The daughter of JONATHAN and ELIZABETH (CHAMBERLAIN)  
SHATTUCK ; she was married May 10, 1750.

Memento [*Hour-Glass*] Mori  
[*Cherub's Head.*]

HERE LIES THE BODY OF  
CAP<sup>T</sup> JOHN STEVENS ESQ<sup>R</sup>  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
APRIEL THE 17<sup>th</sup> 1759  
IN THE 55<sup>th</sup> YEAR  
OF HIS AGE

Here lies y<sup>e</sup>  
Body of Asa  
Child son of M<sup>r</sup>  
Moses Child &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah his  
wife, who died  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 1759.  
Aged 2 months  
and 8 days.

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of Phebe Daughter  
of M<sup>r</sup> Israel and M<sup>rs</sup>  
Anna Hobart who  
died Nov<sup>br</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1759  
Aged 2 months & 27  
days.

[*Death's Head.*]  
Here lies the Body of  
Asc Lawrence y<sup>e</sup> son of  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrence &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail his Wife  
who departed this Life  
Nov<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1759  
Aged 3 Years 5 months  
and 6 days

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1760

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
 Joshua Richeson the son of  
 Mr Converse & Mrs Mercy  
 Richeson who died Febr<sup>r</sup>  
 the 6<sup>th</sup> A D 1760  
 Aged 1 year 10 months  
 and 2 days

Here lies y<sup>e</sup>  
 Body of Salla  
 Child Daughte<sup>r</sup>  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Moses  
 Child and M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Sarah his wife  
 who died May  
 25<sup>th</sup> 1760. Aged  
 1 month & 29 days.

Memento [*Tour-Glass*] Mori

Here lies the Body of  
 Mrs sarah Parker the second  
 wife to Capt samuel Parker  
 who departed this Life  
 August the 21<sup>st</sup> A D 1760  
 in the 69<sup>th</sup> year  
 of her Age



[A TABLET.]

UNDERNEATH THIS STONE LIES THE BODY OF THE  
 REV<sup>d</sup> CALEB TROWBRIDGE, late Pastor of the Church  
 of Christ in Groton, born of reputable Parents in the Town  
 of Newton, educated at Harvard College in Cambridge  
 New-England ; of such natural and acquir'd Endowments as  
 render'd him an Ornament and Blessing in the several  
 Relations which he sustain'd : he was a good steward over the  
 House of God, and discharg'd the Duties of his Pastoral  
 relation with Prudence and Impartiality, Diligence and  
 Fidelity, He was a tender and loving Husband, an affectionate  
 and kind Parent ; an agreeable and faithful friend ; and a Useful  
 Member of Society : He was much belov'd and respected while  
 he liv'd, and dyed greatly lamented, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of sept<sup>r</sup>  
 A D, 1760, in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of his Age and 46<sup>st</sup> of his Ministry,  
 and is we trust recieving the reward of his Labours in the  
 Kingdom of his Lord : and in Honour to his Memory his loving People  
 have erected this Monument over his Grave.  
 Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord for they rest from their  
 Labour and their works do follow them.

The Memory of y<sup>e</sup> Just is Blessed.

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies Buried y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Follingesbe Relict  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Follingesbe  
 who Died october y<sup>e</sup>  
 20<sup>th</sup> AD 1760  
 Aged about 82 years

Memento [*Hour-Glass*] Mori[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body of Simeon Ames y<sup>e</sup> son  
 of Mr samuel and Mr<sup>s</sup> Hannah Ames. A hope-  
 ful & promising young man, but cruel  
 death that regards none snatched him out  
 of the world in the Bloom of Life, and  
 early frustrated the fond hopes of  
 his indulgent Parents, and the  
 raised Expectation of his  
 acquaintance, he was much beloved<sup>d</sup>  
 in his Life and greatly Lamented  
 in his death he died of the small pox  
 december y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> A D 1760 Aged  
 19 years 5 months and 6 days  
 Remember thy Creator in the days of thy  
 youth for thus saith the Lord I Love them  
 that Love me and those that seek me early shall find  
 me.

1761

## Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lyes the Body of  
 William Parker Son of  
 Mr William and Mr<sup>s</sup>  
 Shusanna Parker who  
 Died of the small Pox  
 January y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1761 in  
 the 20<sup>th</sup> year of his Age

He was born September 28, 1741. His father's epitaph and  
 a sister's appear on the next page.

Memento [*Hour-Glass*] mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lyes the Body of  
Mr William Parker  
who Died of the small Pox  
February y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> A D 1761 in  
y<sup>e</sup> 51<sup>st</sup> year of his Age

The son of ISAAC and RUTH PARKER, born August 19, 1710;  
he married, March 30, 1736, SUSANNA KEMP.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

Here lies the  
Body of Joseph  
Davis, son of Mr  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Davis & M<sup>rs</sup>  
Sarah his wife, he  
died Feb<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1761  
In y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> year of his age  
Likeways Elizabeth there  
Daughter died Feb<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1762.  
In y<sup>e</sup> 12 month of her age.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lyes the Body of  
Sibbel Parker daughter  
of Mr William and M<sup>rs</sup>  
Shusanna Parker who  
Died of the small Pox  
may y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> A D 1761 in the  
17<sup>th</sup> year of her Age

She was born May 1, 1744.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the Body  
of Abigail Richardson  
Daughter of Mr Abiel &  
Mrs Sarah Richardson  
who died May ye 13<sup>th</sup>  
1761 in the 8<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age

1762

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
Mrs Hannah Sawtell the  
Second wife of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Ephraim Sawtell  
who departed this  
Life March 15<sup>th</sup>  
A. D 1762. Aged 60  
<sup>10 months</sup>  
Years<sub>A</sub> and 9 days

The daughter of JOSEPH and HANNAH FARWELL, born May 6, 1701. She married, May 6, 1719, for her first husband, ELEAZER GILSON, and March 26, 1755, for her second, EPHRAIM SAWTELL.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
Mrs Prudence Whitney ye  
wife of Mr Shadrach Whitney  
who departed this Life  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> A : D : 1762.  
in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of her  
Age.

Her maiden name was LAWRENCE ; she was married January 5, 1731-2.

1763

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Anna Fletcher ;  
 the wife of M<sup>r</sup> Paul-  
 -Fletcher ; who died April  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1763. in the 27<sup>th</sup>  
 year of her Age.

Her maiden name was WILLARD, and she was from Lancaster.  
 She was married August 20, 1760.

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the  
 Body of Samuel  
 son of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer<sup>r</sup><sub>A</sub>  
 Patch and M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Sarah his wife  
 who died May 20<sup>th</sup>  
 1763 Aged 3 years  
 2 months and  
 11 days.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Deborah Longley  
 Relict of Deacon John  
 Longley who departed  
 this Life Nov<sup>br</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup>  
 A D 1763 in the 72<sup>d</sup> year  
 of her Age

Her maiden name was HOUGHTON.

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1764

[A TABLET.]

Here lye the remains of Coll<sup>l</sup> William  
Lawrence, who departed this Life May 19<sup>th</sup>  
A.D. 1764. Anno Ætatis 67.  
He was a Gentleman who in military life rose  
from the rank of Cap<sup>n</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> to the command of  
a Regiment. In the year 1739, he was made a Justice  
of the peace afterwards Quorum unus ; a special  
Justice of the court of common Pleas for the County  
of Middlesex, and a standing Justice of the Court.  
He for many years represented the Town of Groton  
with the Districts of Pepperrell and Shirley in the  
general Assembly of this Province. In all his public  
betrustments he acquitted himself with fidelity  
and honour. In private life his behavior was  
becoming his Christian profession. He was remark=  
ably industrious in the improvement of time, Just in his  
dealings, a good neighbour, a faithful friend, patient  
of injuries and ready to forgive them, gratefull to  
Benefactors, very ready in affording assistance to  
the widow and fatherless, and mercifull to all proper  
Objects of pity. He was a strict observer of the  
Lords Day, a constant and serious attender on  
the public exercises of Religion, a devout worship=  
er of God in his family.

Blessed are the dead who dye in the Lord.  
Here also lies the Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Susanna  
Lawrence Relict of the above named Coll<sup>l</sup>  
William Lawrence

She was a woman of Piety and good Sense,  
An industrious, Prudent wife ; an indulgent  
Parent, a good Neighbour, a faithfull Friend,  
A hater of Hypocrisy and Guile ; a lover of  
Hospitality, Patiet under Affliction and Resigned to  
The will of Heaven in death by which she  
was called out of the world to Receive the  
Rewards of a faithfull Servant on the 10<sup>th</sup> of  
Sep<sup>r</sup> & in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of her Age. A<sup>D</sup> : 1771.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
Mr Shaderah Whitney  
who departed this Life  
August the 8<sup>th</sup> A · D 1764  
in the 67<sup>th</sup> Year of  
his Age.

from death Arrest no Age is free.

He made his will a few weeks before his death, and bequeathed to the town the sum of £40, the income to be applied to the support of the minister. His wife died December 25, 1762 ; they probably left no children.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies Buried y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of Mr Samuel Bowers Son  
of Mr Samuel Bowers and  
Deborah his wife who  
departed this Life August  
30<sup>th</sup> A D 1764 Aged 28 years  
8 months and 26 days

He was born December 6, 1735.

Memento mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Wait the wife  
of Mr Phinehas Wait  
who departed this Life  
October y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1764  
in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of her  
Age

Her maiden name was HUBBARD ; she was married March 14,  
1731-2.

1765

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the Body  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Peter Bulkley,  
 Son of John Bulkley  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail  
 his wife, who depar-  
 ted this Life May  
 9<sup>th</sup> 1765. In the 25<sup>th</sup>  
 year of his age.

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the  
 Body of Ebenezer  
 Son of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer  
 Patch & M<sup>rs</sup> sarah  
 his wife who died  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> 1765 Aged  
 4 years 5  
 months &  
 9 days

Hora [*Hour-Glass*] fugit[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lieth the Body of  
 Abigail Prescott the Daughte<sup>r</sup>  
 of Dr Oliver Prescott and  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia his wife who  
 died with the Throat  
 Distemper, aug<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1765.  
 age, 5 years, 5 months  
 and 16 days.

She was born February 21, 1760.



Memen<sup>to</sup> mori

[*Skull and Cross-Bones.*]

Here lies the Body of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy Prescott, the  
Daughter of the Hon<sup>le</sup>  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> and  
M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail his wife, who  
died with the Throat=  
Distemper Aug<sup>t</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1765  
Age 37 years, 5 months  
and 13 Days.  
Blessed are the dead who  
die in the Lord.

She was born February 25, 1728-9.

[*Death's Head.*]

Thomas the Son of  
D<sup>r</sup> Oliver Prescott &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia his wife, who  
died with the  
Throat Distemper  
aug<sup>t</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1765  
Age 10 months

He was born October 11, 1764.

Memento [*Skull and Cross-Bones*] mori

Here lyeth  
the Body of M<sup>r</sup>  
Nathaniel Lawrance,  
who departed this  
Life Sep<sup>t</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1765  
Aged 87 Years, 6 month<sup>s</sup>  
and 21 Days.

The son of ENOCH and RUTH (WHITNEY | SHATTUCK)  
LAWRENCE, born February 21, 1677-8, at Watertown. The  
mother was the widow of JOHN SHATTUCK, when she married  
ENOCH.

• Memento mori  
*[Skull and Cross-Bones.]*  
 Here lies the Body  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail Prescott,  
 Relict of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
 Benjamin Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 who departed this Life  
 Sep<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Annoq ; Domini 1765,  
 Aged 68 years, 5 months,  
 19 Days.  
 The memory of the just is Blesse<sup>d</sup><sub>λ</sub>

The daughter of the Honorable THOMAS and MARY (WILSON) OLIVER. She was the mother of Colonel WILLIAM PRESCOTT.

*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 Here lies the Body of  
 Abel Prescott the son  
 of James Prescott  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Susanna his  
 wife, who died with the  
 Throat Distemper  
 Sept<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1765.  
 Aged 5 years, 4 months  
 24 Days.

He was born April 23, 1760.

*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 William the son  
 of James Prescott  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Susanna  
 his wife, who died  
 with the Throat-  
 Distemper Sept<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>  
 A : D : 1765.  
 Aged 3 years, 6  
 months, 21 Days.

From Death's arrest no Age is free.

*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 Sarah the Daughter  
 of James Prescott  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Susanna  
 his wife, who died  
 with the Throat-  
 Distemper Sept<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>  
 A : D : 1765  
 Aged 17 months,  
 17 days.

Memento mori

[Cherub's Head.]

Here lies the

Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy

Trobridge, daughter

of M<sup>r</sup> John Woods &

M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah his wife, who

departed this Life

Decem<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1765. In

y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> year of her age.

*This monument is Erected*

*by her father to her memo<sup>y</sup>*

The daughter of JOHN and SARAH (LONGLEY) WOODS, born May 18, 1735, and the first wife of THOMAS TROWBRIDGE.

1766

Memento mori

[Cherub's Head.]

Here lies the

Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Mary

Parker wife of Lieu<sup>t</sup>

Benjamin Parker,

who departed this

Life June 16<sup>th</sup> 1766.

In the 67<sup>th</sup> year

of her age.

The daughter of ZECHARIAH and MARY SAWTELL, born April 11, 1697.

Here lies

the Body of

Silas Barron, son of

M<sup>r</sup> Silas parker barron

& M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail his wife,

who died of the 108

Convulsion-fit Aug<sup>t</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>

A. D. 1766. Aged 3 week<sup>s</sup>

and 1 day.

Here  
 lies the Body  
 of Rebekah Sawtell  
 the Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Jonathan Sawtell &  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Mary his wife,  
 who died Sep<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>  
 A. D. 1766. Aged 1 Year  
 7 months & 8 Days.

She was born January 28, 1765.

Here lies  
 the Body of  
 Josiah Sartell son  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Sartell  
 Jun<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail  
 his wife, who died  
 October. 26<sup>th</sup> A. D.  
 1766. Aged 4 Years,  
 8 months & 26 Day<sup>s</sup><sub>A</sub>

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies Interred the  
 Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Elizebeth  
 Farnsworth, third wife of  
 M<sup>r</sup> Aaron Farnsworth  
 Formerly the wife of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Josiah Parker, who depar<sup>ted</sup><sub>A</sub>  
 This Life December 12<sup>th</sup>  
 1766. In the 47<sup>th</sup> Year of  
 her Age. this Monument  
 is Erected by Josiah  
 Parker's Children.

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1767

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lieth the Body of  
 Phinehas Bowers y<sup>e</sup> Son of  
 M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Bowers and  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Deborah his wife, who  
 Departed this Life July . 27<sup>th</sup>  
 1767.  
 Age 16 Years, 6 months,  
 and 15 days,

He was born October 2, 1750.

[*Urn.**Willow Tree and Urn.**Urn.*]

SACRED

to the memory

of

EUNICE SHEPLE

*wife of**Joseph Sheple Esq<sup>r</sup>.*

who died

Aug. 1767

Æt. 42.

1768

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies Interred  
 the Body of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 Ephraim Sawtell,  
 who departed this  
 Life October 8<sup>th</sup>  
 1768. In the 83<sup>d</sup> year  
 of his age.

*Dear friends for me pray do not weep,  
 I am not dead but here do sleep,  
 Within this solid lump of clay,  
 Until the Resurrection Day :  
 And here indeed I must remain,  
 Till Christ shall rais me up again.*

Here  
lies the  
Body of Luther  
Russell son of M<sup>r</sup>  
Ephraim Russell  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Miriam his  
wife, who died  
Novem<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1768.  
Aged 4 months,  
3 weeks & 3 days.

*Memento [Three Cherubs' Heads] mori*

Here lies  
Buried the Body of  
M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Bowers of  
Groton, who departed this  
Life the Sixteenth  
Day of December  
Anno Domini 1768.  
Half a hour after  
Three of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup>  
Afternoon, and in the  
Fifty Eight year  
Of his age.

The son of SAMUEL and ESTHER BOWERS, born December 21,  
1711. He lived in the present Champney house, where he kept  
a tavern during many years.

1769

Memento mori  
[*Cherub's Head.*]  
Here lies  
Interr'd the Remains  
of M<sup>rs</sup>  
Susannah Underwood<sup>d</sup>  
wife of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph  
Underwood who  
Departed this Life  
Feb<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1769. In the  
82 Year of her Age.

Memento mori

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the Remains of  
Miss Mary Lakin the  
Daughter of M<sup>r</sup> William  
Lakin and M<sup>rs</sup> Miriam  
his wife who departed  
this Life June 3<sup>d</sup> 1769.  
In the 28<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

*Corruption earth and worms,  
Shall but refine her flesh ;  
Till her triumphant Spirit comes,  
To take it on afresh.*

She lived desaired and  
died lamented.

She was born April 25, 1742.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the  
Body of Lieu<sup>t</sup>  
Benjamin Parker,  
who departed  
this Life Oct<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>  
1769. Aged 77  
years 10 months & 25  
days.

The son of JOSEPH and HANNAH PARKER, born December 3,  
1691 ; he married, October 23, 1718, MARY SAWTELL.

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1770

Here  
 lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of Lucy Tarbell  
 Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Oliver & M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy<sup>A</sup>  
 Tarbell who di-  
 ed Jan<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1770  
 Aged 2 years 7  
 months & 8 days.

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the  
 Body of Sarah Daught<sup>ter</sup>  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Patch<sup>A</sup>  
 and M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah his  
 wife who died April  
 2<sup>d</sup> 1770 Aged 13 years  
 6 months  
 and 18  
 days.

She was born September 15, 1756.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the Body  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Page wife  
 of Ensign Jonathan<sup>of</sup>  
 Page who departed  
 this Life May 22<sup>d</sup>  
 1770. In the 90<sup>th</sup> Yea  
 of her Age.

*This Monument is Erected by her  
 son Benjamin Page.*



[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

Here lies Inter'd the Remains of  
 ABEL Lawrence Esq<sup>r</sup> son of y<sup>e</sup> late Col<sup>l</sup>  
 W<sup>m</sup> Lawrence & Susanna his wife,  
 Being formed by y<sup>e</sup> God of y<sup>e</sup> Spirits of all  
 flesh with Superiour intalletual abilities<sup>^</sup>  
 he was Called forth in Early life to the  
 mannagement of publick bussiness, and  
 acquitted himself with honour, he was  
 for Several years a member of y<sup>e</sup> General  
 Court, a Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace ; he was affable  
 in his Disposition when he saw any in  
 Distress he felt for them, & was ready to  
 Releve them to the utmost of his power.  
 Beleiving a state of immortality, he endav-  
 oured to secure happiness therein, by the  
 Exercise of Repentance towards God & faith  
 in Christ, after patiently Endureing a long  
 and distressing illness, he submitted to  
 the Stroke of all Conquering death  
 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September AD 1770.  
 Anno Aetatis 41

*Memento mori*

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth  
 Moors wife of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Abraham Moors  
 who departed  
 this Life Decem<sup>r</sup>  
 4<sup>th</sup> 1770 In the  
 73<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

Her maiden name was GILSON.

1771

Memento mori  
*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 Here lies the  
 Body of M<sup>r</sup> Samuel  
 Barron who de-  
 parted this Life  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> 1771. In  
 the 88<sup>th</sup> year  
 of his Age.

By his will he left to the Church of Christ in Groton the sum of thirteen pounds, five shillings, and four pence, the interest to be used for the benefit of the poor.

Here lies the  
 Body of Darling  
 Blood the Son  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Oliver  
 Blood and M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Sarah his wife  
 who died Sep<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>  
 1771 aged 2 years 4  
 M. & S D.

The maiden name of this child's mother was DARLING.

Here lies the Body  
 of Sarah Daughter  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer  
 Patch and M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Sarah his wife  
 who died Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>  
 1771 Aged  
 9 months and  
 4 days.

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1772

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies

y<sup>e</sup> Body of Bela WareSon of D<sup>r</sup> Ephraim& M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Warewho Died Feb<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>

1772 Aged 7 months

&amp; 15 days.

*Fresh as the Morn**The fragrant bud hangs wither<sup>d</sup>**Ere its Blown*[*Cherub's Head.*]

Memento mori

Here lies inter'd

the Remains of M<sup>r</sup>

John Lawrence son of

Abel Lawrence Esq. &amp;

M<sup>rs</sup> Mary his wife who

suddenly departed

this Life by Being

Drowned June 8<sup>th</sup>1772. In the 19<sup>th</sup> year

of his Age.

One of twins, born October 14, 1752.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In Memory of

M<sup>r</sup> BENJAMIN PAGE,who *Departed* this LifeSeptember the 3<sup>d</sup> 1772.in the 54<sup>th</sup> Year

of his age.

the Sweet Remembraance of Y<sup>e</sup> Just

Shall flourish When he sleeps in Dust.

The son of JONATHAN and MARY PAGE, born July 19, 1719 ;  
he married SARAH WILLARD, of Lancaster.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the  
Body of Mr Josiah  
Boyden, who departed  
this Life Oct<sup>r</sup>  
17<sup>th</sup> 1772. in y<sup>e</sup> 72<sup>d</sup>  
year of his age.  
Also 8 of his Children 5  
sons & 3 daughters all  
lycing near this place.

The son of JONATHAN and ELIZABETH BOYDEN, born September 21, 1701.

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the  
Body of Joseph  
Stone son of M<sup>r</sup>  
Nathaniel Stone  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Sybel his  
wife who died  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1772.  
Aged 2 years.

He was born December 19, 1769.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

COL. JOHN BULKLEY,

whose remains are here entomb'd,

departed this Life Dec<sup>r</sup> ye 3<sup>d</sup> AD. 1772. Æ. 69.

much lamented by those who knew him.

He left a sorrowful widow, four Daughters &

one son, named JOHN by whom this family

tomb was built ; who also departed this Life Dec<sup>r</sup> ye

14<sup>th</sup> AD 1774. Æ 26. & whose remains are here  
deposited.

He was educated at Harvard College and took the  
degree of A.B. & A.M. In the years 1769 and 1772. A good

natural genius improv'd by a liberel Education he employ'd

in the study of Law but had only practiced as an attorney  
a sufficient time to raise in his friends the most (sanguine) hopes  
of whatever great or good could reasonably be expected from an  
honest & benevolent heart, influenced by a good understanding  
and a prudent disposition, before a period was put to his Actions  
and designs ; & his numerous Acquaintance were call'd to lament  
the death of a dutiful son—a loving brother—a faithful friend—a  
kind neighbour—a good citizen—an honest man.

☞ *Amicus patriæ, generis humani Amicus.*

1773

Memento mori

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies Buried ye

Body of M<sup>rs</sup>

Prudence Warren

wife of M<sup>r</sup> Abijah

Warren ; she depar-

ted this Life Feb<sup>r</sup>

1<sup>th</sup> 1773. Aged 23

Years. Likeways a

little babe still born

10 days before she

died.

Her maiden name was LAWRENCE, and she was from Hollis,  
New Hampshire.

[Bird.]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of Joshua Richard<sup>son</sup><sub>A</sub>  
 son of M<sup>r</sup>. Convers  
 & M<sup>rs</sup>. Marcy Rich-  
 ardson, who died  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> 1773. Aged<sup>d</sup><sub>A</sub>  
 6 months & 4 days.

Memento mori

[Cherub's Head.]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> remains of  
 Mrs. Sarah Woods y<sup>e</sup> wife  
 of Leiu<sup>t</sup>. John Woods,  
 who departed this Life  
 March. 28<sup>th</sup> 1773. aged<sup>years</sup> 67<sub>A</sub>

*A faithful wife, a tender mo=  
 ther, a diligent & prudent mistress  
 of a Family, & a pious christian,  
 She lived beloved, died lamen=  
 ted, with a comfortable hope  
 of entering into y<sup>e</sup> joy of her Lord.  
 Her children arise up & call her bles=  
 sed; her husband also & he praiseth  
 (her.*

The daughter of JOHN and SARAH (PRESCOTT) LONGLEY, born  
 March 28, 1706.

Memento mori

[Cherub's Head.]

ERECTED

In memory of  
 Miss Eunice Green  
 (Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>.  
 Jonathan & M<sup>rs</sup>. Sarah  
 Green) who depart=  
 ed this Life April y<sup>e</sup>  
 1<sup>st</sup> 1773. In y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> year  
 of her Age.

Stephen Son  
to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
Samuel Dana  
and Anna his  
wife ; died July  
2<sup>d</sup> 1773. aged 17 days.

Memento mori  
[*Cherub.*]  
Here lies the  
Body M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy  
Moors wife of M<sup>r</sup>  
Joseph Moors  
who departed  
this Life August  
26<sup>th</sup> 1773, In the  
33<sup>d</sup> year of her  
age.

Her maiden name was STONE ; she was married July 22, 1761.

Memento mori  
[*Cherub.*]  
HERE lies the  
Body of M<sup>rs</sup>  
Hannah Blood,  
wife of M<sup>r</sup> Caleb  
Blood, she de-  
parted this Life  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1773. Aged  
38 years 1 month  
and 26 days.

The daughter of JOHN and SARAH (DAVIS) HOLDEN, born  
June 24, 1735 ; she was married November 1, 1753.

[*Death's Head.*]

In Memory of  
MOLEY WILLIAMS  
*Dau<sup>t</sup>* of M<sup>r</sup>

JOHN and M<sup>rs</sup>  
MOLEY WILLIAMS,  
she Died Sep<sup>r</sup> 24,

1773 :  
Aged 14 Months  
and 14 Days.

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the  
Body of Mar<sup>y</sup>  
Richardson, the  
Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
Convars and M<sup>rs</sup>  
Mary Richardson.  
who died Sep<sup>r</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup> 1773 aged 12  
Years 4 months & 9 D.

[*Cherub.*]

In memory of  
Amos Lawrance  
*son of Lieut<sup>t</sup>* Amos  
Lawrance & M<sup>rs</sup>

Betty his wife  
*who died Oct<sup>r</sup>*  
4<sup>th</sup> 1773. Aged  
4 days.



[*Death's Head.*]  
 In Memory of  
 JOHN WILLIAMS  
 Son of M<sup>r</sup>. JOHN &  
 M<sup>rs</sup> MOLEY WILLIAMS  
 he Died Oct<sup>r</sup>. Y<sup>e</sup> 29,  
 1773.  
 Aged two year  
 And ten Months  
 And one Day.

Memento mori  
 [*Cherub's Head.*]  
 Here lies Buried  
 the Body of Cap<sup>t</sup>.  
 Nathaniel Parker,  
 who departed  
 this Life, Nov<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>  
 24<sup>th</sup>. 1773. In the  
 53<sup>d</sup>. year of his  
 Age.

The son of BENJAMIN and MARY (SAWTELL) PARKER, born  
 July 17, 1721.

Memento mori  
 [*Cherub's Head.*]  
 Here lies the  
 Body of M<sup>r</sup>.  
 Ruben Woods  
 who  
 departed this  
 Life Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
 1774. In the 64<sup>th</sup>.  
 Year of his age.

1774

The son of NATHANIEL and ALICE WOODS, born April 11,  
 1711; he married, June 11, 1741, SUBMIT, widow of TIMOTHY  
 WHITNEY.

Memento mori

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the  
Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah  
Ames wife of  
M<sup>r</sup> Robert Ames  
who departed  
this Life Nov<sup>r</sup>  
23<sup>th</sup> 1774. In the  
33 Year of her  
age.

The daughter of ISAAC and ABIGAIL (STEVENS) WOODS, born  
August 17, 1742.

Here lies the  
Body of Suiel  
Corning Stone  
son of M<sup>r</sup> Daniel  
Stone & M<sup>rs</sup> Pattie  
his wife He died  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1774  
Aged 6 months  
& two days

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the  
Body of M<sup>r</sup>  
Jason Williams  
who departed  
the Life Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>  
1774 In the 53<sup>d</sup>  
year of his age.

The son of JASON and MARY WILLIAMS, born December 25,  
1721 ; he married, April 5, 1749, JEMIMA, daughter of JONATHAN  
and MARY (GREEN) NUTTING, born September 19, 1720.

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1775

Memento mori  
*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of Deacon Daniel  
 Farnsworth who  
 departed this Life  
 Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1775 In the  
 83<sup>d</sup> year of his Age

The son of JOHN and HANNAH (ALDIS) FARNSWORTH, born  
 May 11, 1692 ; he married, October 20, 1725, ABIGAIL, widow of  
 DANIEL SHED.

Memento mori  
*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 In this Grave  
 is deposited the  
 Remains of Lieut<sup>t</sup>  
 Isaac Woods, who  
 departed this Life  
 on y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1775  
 In y<sup>e</sup> 76<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

The son of NATHANIEL and ALICE WOODS, born February 20,  
 1699-1700 ; he married, September 21, 1725, ABIGAIL STEVENS.

Memento mori  
*[Cherub.]*  
 Here lies Buried the  
 Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Wait  
 wife of Lieut<sup>t</sup> Phinehas  
 Wait who departed this  
 Life May 9<sup>th</sup> 1775 In the  
 35<sup>th</sup> year of her Age  
 Likewise 2 Children lying at  
 her feet Joseph died June 23<sup>d</sup>  
 1774 Aged 3 months and 22 day<sup>s</sup>  
 Phinehas died Aug<sup>t</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1775  
 Aged 3 months and 1 day.

Her maiden name was PIERCE, and she was from Pepperell.

IN memory of  
 Isaac Allan  
 son of Mr Joseph  
 Allan & Mrs Mary  
 his wife. He  
 died May 17<sup>th</sup>  
 1775. Aged 5  
 months & 17 days.

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
 IN memory of  
 Miriam Whitney  
 Holden (Daughter  
 of Mr Nehemiah  
 & Mrs Elizabeth  
 Holden) who  
 died Aug<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1775.  
 Aged 7 years 6  
 months & 15 days.

Mrs Sarah  
 Ames  
 Here lies the Body  
 of Molley Ames the  
 Daughter of Mr Robert  
 & Mrs <sup>Sarah</sup> Ames, who died  
 Aug<sup>t</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1775 In the  
 3<sup>d</sup> Year of her age.

STEPHEN  
 Son of the Rev'd  
 Samuel Dana &  
 Anna his wife  
 was born May  
 the 29<sup>th</sup> 1774.  
 and died Aug<sup>t</sup>  
 the 6<sup>th</sup> 1775.

Memento mori

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies Buried  
the Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Emm<sup>e</sup><sub>λ</sub>  
Stone daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
Benjamin Stone and  
M<sup>rs</sup> Emme his wife  
who departed this  
Life Aug<sup>t</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1775  
In the 22<sup>d</sup> year  
of her Age

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the Body  
of Samuel Moors  
son of Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph  
Moors & M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy  
his wife <sup>he</sup><sub>λ</sub> died Aug<sup>st</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup> 1775. Aged 10  
years 7 months &  
16 days.

[*Cherub.*]

IN memory of  
Abigail Lawrance  
daughter of Lieu<sup>t</sup>  
Amos Lawrance  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Betty his wife,  
who died Aug<sup>t</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup> 1775. Aged 10  
months & 4 days.

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of Luther Page, son  
of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Page  
and M<sup>rs</sup> Eunice <sup>(Jun<sup>r</sup>)</sup>  
his wife, who died  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1775.  
Aged 3 years

Memento mori

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of Miss Miriam  
Lakin Daughter  
of M<sup>r</sup> William &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Miriam Lakin  
who departed  
this Life Aug<sup>t</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>  
1775. Aged 20  
years & 4 mon<sup>a</sup>

*The sweet Remembrance of* <sup>(the just</sup>  
*Shall flourish when they sleep*  
<sup>in dust.</sup>

Here lies the  
Body of Lucy  
Moors Daughter  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph  
Moors & M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy  
his wife who  
departed this Life  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1775. Aged  
6 years 11 months  
& 11 days.

Here lies the  
Body of Peggy  
Quailes Daughter  
of M<sup>r</sup> Charles  
Quailes and M<sup>rs</sup>  
Susanna his wife  
who died Aug<sup>t</sup>  
17<sup>th</sup> 1775. Aged 17  
months & 28 days.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the  
Body of Miss Anna  
Pierce, Daughter of  
M<sup>r</sup>. Wiliam Pierce  
and M<sup>rs</sup>. Sarah  
his wife ; who died  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup> 1775.  
Aged 22 Years 4  
months & 26 days.

Here lies the  
Body of Philome<sup>ia</sup>  
Lawrence Daught<sup>er</sup>  
of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Asa Lawrenc<sup>e</sup>  
and M<sup>rs</sup>. Abigail his  
wife she was a  
Desireable Young  
babe who died  
Aug<sup>t</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup> 1775. Aged  
10 months.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of Miss Olive  
Fletcher daughter  
of M<sup>r</sup>. Oliver and  
M<sup>rs</sup>. Olive Fletcher  
who departed  
this Life Aug<sup>t</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>  
1775 Aged 14  
years & 11 mon<sup>t</sup>.

Here lies the  
 Body of Elizabeth  
 Champney,  
 Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Eben<sup>t</sup> Champney  
 and Abigail his  
 wife, She died  
 Aug<sup>t</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1775. In y<sup>e</sup>  
 6<sup>th</sup> Year of her age

Memento mori  
 [*Cherub.*]  
 Here lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
 of M<sup>rs</sup> Susanna  
 Quailes wife of  
 M<sup>r</sup> Charles Quailes  
 who departed this  
 Life Aug<sup>t</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1775.  
 Aged 25 years, 9  
 mon<sup>th</sup> & 25 days.

Tradition says that she was one of the patriotic women, who, in April, 1775, arrested Captain LEONARD WHITING, of Hollis, New Hampshire, near what is now Jewett's bridge, over the Nashua River. He was a noted tory and a bearer of despatches from Canada to the British in Boston.

Here lies the  
 Body of Eben<sup>t</sup>  
 Champney,  
 Son of M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>t</sup>  
 Champney and  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail his  
 wife, he died  
 Aug<sup>t</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1775. In y<sup>e</sup>  
 19<sup>th</sup> month of his Age.



Here lies the  
Body of Sally  
Champney,  
Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Champney  
and Abigail his  
wife She died  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1775. In  
the 3<sup>d</sup> year of her <sup>(Age</sup>

*Memento [Cherub] mori*

M<sup>rs</sup> ABIGAIL KENRICK  
Widow of CAP<sup>t</sup> CALEB  
KENRICK, left her  
pleasant habitation  
in Newton, & came to  
her Daugh<sup>t</sup>er Dana's  
in Groton, on account<sup>^</sup>  
of y<sup>e</sup> civil War & Sep<sup>t</sup> 5.  
1775. Æ. 76. was remov=  
ed by a dysentery, to that  
place where y<sup>e</sup> wicked cea<sup>se</sup>  
from troubling & y<sup>e</sup> weary  
are at rest.

Her maiden name was BOWEN, and her daughter was married to the Reverend SAMUEL DANA.

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the Body  
of Samuel son of M<sup>r</sup>  
Ebenezer Patch  
and M<sup>rs</sup> sarah his  
wife who died sep<sup>r</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> 1775.  
Aged 10 years  
and 2 months.

Here lies the  
 Body of Mary  
 Bowers, Daught<sup>er</sup>  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac  
 Bowers & M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Priscilla his wife  
 who died Sep<sup>r</sup>  
 21<sup>st</sup> 1775. Aged 5  
 Years 8 months  
 and 17 days.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
 Joseph son of M<sup>r</sup> Ephraim  
 & M<sup>rs</sup> Azubah Parker,  
 who died Sep<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1775  
 Aged 5 years & 2 mon<sup>th</sup>  
 Also in Memory of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Nehem<sup>h</sup> son of y<sup>e</sup> above  
 nam'd persons, who died  
 in his Country service  
 at *Ticonderoga* Oct<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>  
 1776. In y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> year of his  
 age.

Here lies the  
 Body of Sarah  
 Bowers, Daughter  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Bowers  
 and M<sup>rs</sup> Priscilla  
 his wife, who  
 died Sep<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>  
 1775. Aged 4 years  
 one month and  
 21 days.

Here lies the Body  
 of Ebenezer son  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer  
 Patch and M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Sarah his wife  
 who died sep<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
 1775 Aged 2 years  
 10 months and  
 22 days.

Memento mori  
 [*Cherub's Head.*]  
 Here lies Buried  
 the Body of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Jonathan Lawrance<sup>e</sup>  
 Son of M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan  
 Lawrance and M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Esther his wife  
 He depa<sup>r</sup>ted this  
 Life Oct<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1775.  
 Aged 21 Years 11  
 months & 17 days.

Here lies the  
 Body of Simeon  
 Shed, Son of M<sup>r</sup>  
 William Shed  
 and M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabet<sup>h</sup>  
 his wife, who  
 died Oct<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>  
 1775. Aged 2 Years  
 one month &  
 28 days.

Memento mori

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies Buried  
the Body of M<sup>rs</sup>  
Abigail Champney  
wife of M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>t</sup>  
Champney and  
Daughter of y<sup>e</sup> Late<sup>ge</sup>  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Caleb Trowbrid<sup>g</sup>  
She died Oct<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>  
1775. in y<sup>e</sup> 36 Year  
of her Age

The daughter of the Reverend CALEB and HANNAH (WALTER)  
TROWBRIDGE, born November 30, 1740.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies Buried  
the Body of M<sup>r</sup> Amos  
Farnsworth who was  
Drowned in Lancaste<sup>r</sup><sub>A</sub>  
Rever Decem<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>  
1775. Aged 71 years  
and 6 days.

*Tho in deep water was my Body lost,  
And found before it was crumbl'd into dust,  
And Buried here as this doth lay,  
Till trumpet sound at the last day. —  
And tho in Adam all mankind did die,  
But yet in Christ we may grim death*  
*(ædific.)*

The son of BENJAMIN and MARY (PRESCOTT) FARNSWORTH,  
born November 27, 1704. AMOS and his son, BENJAMIN, were  
both drowned while crossing the Nashua River in a boat. His  
body was not found until the next March, but BENJAMIN's was  
recovered on the next day. The son's epitaph immediately  
follows this one.

Memento mori  
*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 Here lies the  
 Body of Benjamin  
 Farnsworth son of  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Amos Farnsworth  
 and M<sup>rs</sup>: Lydia his  
 wife, who was drown'd  
 on the 5 day of  
 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775.  
 Aged 18 years one  
 mo<sup>n</sup>th and 11 days.

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1776

*[Cherub's Head.]*  
 IN Memory of  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup> Green,  
*who Departed*  
 this Life Jan<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>  
 1776. In the  
 year of his  
 Age.

*[Cherub.]*  
 Here lies the  
 Body of Isaac  
 Dodge son of  
 Lieu<sup>t</sup>: Isaac  
 Dodge and M<sup>rs</sup>:  
 Elizabeth his  
 wife, who died  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> 1776,  
 Aged 12 mon<sup>th</sup>:  
 and 29 days

Here lies the  
Body of Benjam<sup>in</sup>  
Bancroft Son of  
M<sup>r</sup> Thaddeus  
Bancroft & M<sup>rs</sup>  
Bulah his wife  
He died March  
8<sup>th</sup> 1776 Aged 3  
months & 15 days.

Here lies the  
Body of Joshua  
Lakin son of M<sup>r</sup>  
Joseph Lakin &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Jerushah  
his wife who  
died March 15<sup>th</sup>  
1776. Aged 9  
months & 26 day<sup>s</sup>.

Here lies the  
Body of Prudenc<sup>e</sup>  
Warren Daughte<sup>r</sup>  
of M<sup>r</sup> Abijah &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Prudence  
Warren she  
died May 1<sup>st</sup> 1776  
Aged 6 years 9  
months & 22 days.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In Memory of

Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Tarbell

who departed this Life

May, 23<sup>d</sup> at 3 a clock after

noon 1776 Aged 78 Years

4 months and 14 days

Halt passenger as you go past

Remember time it runneth fast

My dust in narrow bounds do ly

Remember man that thou must die

This dust revive it shall again

And <sup>in</sup> a grave no more remain

When trumpet sound I shall be rais'd

For this God's holy word hath said

The son of THOMAS and ELIZABETH (WOODS) TARBELL, and brother of the three children carried off by the Indians, June 20, 1707. He married, December 29, 1725, LYDIA, daughter of BENJAMIN and MARY (PRESCOTT) FARNSWORTH.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

HERE lies y<sup>e</sup> Body

OF

Lieu<sup>t</sup> William

Nutting who

Departed this

Life June 2<sup>d</sup> 1776.

In the 64<sup>th</sup> year

of his age.

The son of JONATHAN and MARY (GREEN) NUTTING, born November 20, 1712; he married, January 18, 1737-8, JOAN BOYNTON.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

HERE lies the  
Body of Mr Abijah  
Warren, who  
departed this  
Life Oct<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1776.  
In the 40<sup>th</sup> year  
of his age.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

Here lies the Body  
of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Stone<sup>e</sup><sub>Λ</sub>  
son of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel  
Stone & M<sup>rs</sup> Sybel  
his wife who died  
in his Countrys ser=  
vice on Dorchester=  
Hill Oct<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1776.  
Aged 17 years one  
month & 22 days.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

HERE lies the  
Body of M<sup>r</sup> Simon  
Patch who was  
wounded in y<sup>e</sup> de=  
fence *of his Country*  
*at y<sup>e</sup> White-plains*  
Oct<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1776 and  
died of his wound  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1776 in y<sup>e</sup>  
28<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

The son of EBENEZER and SARAH PATCH, born July 11, 1749. He was brought home on a litter from White Plains, a distance of about two hundred miles, accompanied by his elder brother. The litter was made by fitting the but-ends of some small trees into the stirrups of a saddle, and putting a sack of hay behind on the branches.



1777

[*Cherub's Head.*]

lies

Here <sup>^</sup> the Body of  
 Timothy Blood, son  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Blood &  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth his  
 wife, He died Jan<sup>y</sup>  
 13<sup>th</sup> 1777. Aged one  
 year 9 months and  
 26 days.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Memento mori

Here lies  
 the Body of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Ebenezer Patch  
 who departed this  
 Life Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1777  
 In the 58<sup>th</sup>  
 year of his  
 Age.

[*Cherub's Head.*]*Memento mori*

HERE

Lies the Body  
 OF  
 M<sup>r</sup> Peter Parker  
 who departed  
 this Life March  
 y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1777 In  
 the 31<sup>st</sup> year of  
 his age.

The son of PETER and PRUDENCE (LAWRENCE) PARKER, born  
 January 15, 1747.

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies the  
Body of Rebecca  
Stone Daughter  
of M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Stone  
and M<sup>rs</sup> Rebecca  
his wife who  
died May. 19<sup>th</sup>  
1777. Aged 4 years  
2 months & 10 days

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

Here lies Buried  
the Body of  
M<sup>r</sup> Phinchas Wait  
*who departed this Life*  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 1777. In  
the 69<sup>th</sup> year of  
his Age.

He married, March 14, 1731-2, MARY HUBBARD.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

HERE lies the  
Body of M<sup>r</sup>  
JOSEPH STONE,  
who departed this  
Life Sep<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1777.  
In y<sup>e</sup> 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age  
*The memory of the  
Just is blessed.*

[*Cherub.*]  
 Moley Williams  
 2 Dau<sup>r</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 John Williams  
 & M<sup>rs</sup> Moley his  
 wife, who Died  
 Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 ;  
 Aged 20 Days.

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
*Memento mori*  
 Here lies  
 the Body of M<sup>r</sup>  
 JONAS FLETCHER,  
 who departed this  
 Life Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777.  
 Aged 83  
 years.

1778

In Memory of M<sup>r</sup>. *James*  
*Park* (Son of M<sup>r</sup>. William  
 Park Stone Cutter & M<sup>rs</sup> Anna  
 his wife) He was Born In  
 Scotland in y<sup>e</sup> Barronre of  
 Glasgow March 19<sup>th</sup> 1741.  
 And Died Feb<sup>ry</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1778.

*He died no Libertine. there is two Extremes,  
 the world has always run into, since y<sup>e</sup> fall of Adam.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Papists here have exceded in boundlesse domi-  
 nation & tyranny over y<sup>e</sup> consciences of men : &  
 what ever is contrary to y<sup>e</sup> lawlesse decrees of there  
 Councells & Popes, is an unexpiable heresie, & cannot  
 be purged but by fire & fagot. 2. Whoever refuse  
 subjection of conscience to that Enemy of Christ, &  
 to that woman-mistresse of witchcraft, on whose  
 skirts is found y<sup>e</sup> Blood of y<sup>e</sup> martyrs of Jesus, is  
 Presently an heretick, & his arguments answered  
 with burning-quickie, this tyranny over conscience we  
 disclaime; yet for that ought not y<sup>e</sup> other extremity  
 of wild toleration to be embraced.*

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
*Memento mori*  
 IN Memory of  
 M<sup>r</sup> William Green  
*who Departed*  
*this Life May. 7<sup>th</sup>*  
 1778. In the  
 80<sup>th</sup> year of  
 his Age.

He married, March 9, 1726-7, HANNAH HOLDEN, probably the daughter of STEPHEN and HANNAH HOLDEN.

In Memory of  
 Joseph Stone  
 son of M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>  
 Stone & M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Sibel his wife  
 who died Aug<sup>t</sup>  
 14<sup>th</sup> 1778. Aged  
 2 years 7 mon<sup>th</sup> & 8  
 days.

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
 Here lies the  
 Body of EZRA  
*son of the*  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Dana  
 and M<sup>rs</sup> Anna his  
 wife born Aug<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
 11<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1778. *Died*  
 Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1778.

[*Cherub.*]  
 IN Memory of  
 Salley Stone  
 daug<sup>hter</sup> of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Jonas Stone & M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Rebekah his wife  
*who died Sep<sup>t</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>*  
 1778 *Aged 1 year 5*  
*months & 21 days*

[*Cherub.*]

Here lies  
the Body of  
Dradamy Lawre<sup>n</sup><sub>nce</sub>  
Daughter of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Asa Lawrence &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail his wife  
who died Oct<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>  
1778 In the 7<sup>th</sup> year  
of her Age.

*Her social soul O How sublime,  
Her mind sedate serene,  
Sweet sympathy Possess her heart,  
Engaging was her mind.*

Here lies  
the Body of  
Oratio=Gaits  
Lawrence (Son of  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail his  
wife) who died  
Oct<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1778 Aged 4  
months & 16 days.

*(Rose*  
*Fresh in y<sup>e</sup> morn y<sup>e</sup> sumer*  
*hangs Wither'd ere its noon*  
*We scarce enjoy y<sup>e</sup> B<sup>l</sup>my Gift*  
*But mourn y<sup>e</sup> Pleasure G<sup>o</sup>ne*

*Memento mori*

[*Cherub.*]

ERECTED

IN memory of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia Tarbell,  
*The wife of Capt*  
*Samuel Tarbell*  
who departed  
this Life Nov<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>  
1778. Aged 72  
Years & 15 days.

The daughter of BENJAMIN and MARY (PRESCOTT) FARNS-  
WORTH, born September 26, 1706 ; she was married December  
29, 1725.

1779

[*Cherub.*]

In Memory of  
Elizabeth Farr  
(Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas Farr &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Mary his  
wife) who Died  
Feb<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1779.  
In the 19<sup>th</sup> month  
of her age.

Mr. BUTLER, in his "History of Groton" (page 399), says  
that THOMAS FARR was a soldier in General BURGOYNE's army.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

To the Memory of  
A Beloved Friend.

Here lies the Body of  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> HEZEKIAH SAWTELL  
Who Departed this Life March Ye 18<sup>th</sup>  
1779 in the 77<sup>th</sup> Year of his age :  
in his life he Was a Kind & Loving Husband  
a tender and Provident Parent, a  
Friendly and Benevolent Neighbour,  
Singularly Pitiful and Liberal,  
to the Poor, Needy, and Distress'd  
his life useful his Death Lamented.

stop Passenger as You Go by  
Remember You Was born to die  
As You are Now So Once Was I  
As I am Now So You Must be  
Prepare For Death and Follow me

The son of OBADIAH and HANNAH SAWTELL, born March 2,  
1703: he married JOANNA WILSON.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

IN Memory of M<sup>r</sup>  
JOSEPH CHASE,  
who departed  
this Life Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>  
1779. In the 61<sup>st</sup>  
year of his Age

1780

*[Willow Tree and Urn.]*

ERECTED

to the memory of

MR. ABRAHAM MOORS

A mild, humane, and honest man, a  
 peaceable and regular citizen ; an af-  
 fectionate and tender husband and  
 parent ; eminent for piety, industry and  
 frugality. He departed this life March  
 1780, in the 88th year of his age,  
 inspired by the refining influences of  
 the gospel with a rational and sure  
 hope of a glorious resurrection.

He is supposed to have come from England in the early  
 part of the last century ; he married, November 21, 1717,  
 ELIZABETH, daughter of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH GILSON.

*Memento mori**[Cherub.]*

ERECTED

In memory of

M<sup>rs</sup> Hannah White,*Wife of**M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas White*

who departed this

Life May 26<sup>th</sup> 1780. Inthe 44<sup>th</sup> year of her  
age.



*Memento mori*

[*Cherub's Head.*]

IN Memory of M<sup>r</sup>  
SAMUEL BOYDEN,  
who departed this  
Life Nov<sup>r</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1780.  
In the 30<sup>th</sup>  
year of his  
age.

*The sweet Remembrance of y<sup>e</sup> Just  
Shall flourish when he sleep<sup>s</sup> in dust.*

The son of JOSIAH and JANE BOYDEN, born May 25, 1751.

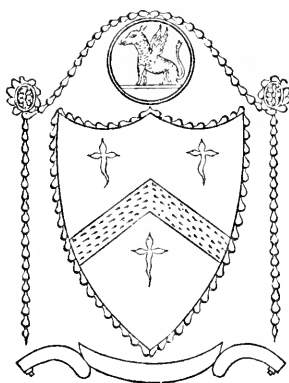
1781

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Carrie<sup>ll</sup>  
wife of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Jonathan Carriell  
Formerly of Sutton  
who died Jan<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>  
1781. In y<sup>e</sup> 44<sup>th</sup>  
year of her age.

[Cherub's Head.]



IN Memory of  
 JONATHAN CLARK-  
 LEWIS ESQ<sup>r</sup>, who  
 Departed this  
 Life April . 7<sup>th</sup>  
 1781. In the 37<sup>th</sup>  
 year of his  
 Age.

[Cherub.]

IN Memory of Miss  
 MARY DOLE,  
 Daug<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Amos &  
 M<sup>r</sup> Molley Dole, who  
 departed this Life  
 Aug<sup>t</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1781. Aged  
 18 years 9 months  
 and 19 days.

*This Monument is erected to her  
 Memory, by her mother, at the  
 desire of Solomon Russell, her  
 intended Partner.*

*Memento mori*[*Cherub's Head.*]

ERECTED

IN memory of

M<sup>rs</sup> Alice Bancroft,

(Consort of Deacon

Benjamin Bancroft)

*who departed this Life*Nov<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1781 Aged

51 years 8 months &amp;

25 days.

The daughter of WILLIAM and MARY (FARNSWORTH) TARBELL,  
born March 4, 1729-30; she was married October 18, 1749.

*Memento mori*[*Cherub.*]

ERECTED

IN memory of

M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail WoodsRelect of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Isaac

Woods who departed

this Life Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>1781. In the 80<sup>th</sup> year

of her Age.

Her maiden name was STEVENS; she was married September  
21, 1725.

[*Cherub.*]

ERECTED

IN memory of

M<sup>rs</sup> Deborah Amaes,*(wife of M<sup>r</sup>**Nathan Amaes)*who died April y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

1782. Aged 35 years

6 months &amp; 24

days.

1782

*Memento mori*

[Cherub.]

Erected IN memory  
of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Farnsworth<sup>n</sup>  
(*wife of M<sup>r</sup>  
Ebenezer Farnsworth*)

She departed this  
Life April 13<sup>th</sup> 1782.  
In the 43<sup>d</sup> year  
of her age.

*Likewise Polly their Daughter,  
who was born April 3<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and  
Died 3<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1782.*

Her maiden name was NICHOLS ; she was married February 18, 1767.

[Cherub's Head.]

*Memento mori*

ERECTED  
IN memory of  
Lieut JOHN Woods,  
*who departed this Life*  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 1782.  
In the 85<sup>th</sup> year  
of his age.

The son of NATHANIEL and ALICE WOODS, born March 4, 1698 ; he married, June 3, 1725, SARAH, daughter of JOHN and SARAH (PRESCOTT) LONGLEY, born March 28, 1706.

*Memento mori*

[Cherub's Head.]

HERE LIES BURIED

the Body of

M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Green,(Relict of M<sup>r</sup> JONATHAN GREEN)*who departed this Life*Dec<sup>r</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> 1782. Aged 77

years 6 months &amp; 27 days.

*Bless'd are the dead, yea saith the word,**That die in Christ the living Lord,**And on the other side of death**Thus joyful spend their praising breath.*

The daughter of JOSIAH and LUCY LAKIN, born May 12, 1705;  
she was married February 25, 1724-5.

*Memento mori*

[Cherub's Head.]

[Cherub's Head.]

IN THIS

Grave are Inter'd

the remains of

M<sup>r</sup> JONAS CUTLER*who departed this Life*Dec<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini

1782. Aged 55 years

*This Monument was Erected to  
his Memory by his Loving wife*

JEMIMA CUTLER

1783

*Memento mori*  
 [Cherub's Head.]  
 HERE lies Buried  
 the Body of  
 Deacon JAMES STONE  
 who departed this Life  
 Feb<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>. 1783.  
 Aged 82 Years & 24 days.  
*Blest is the Memory of the Just*  
*Though they be sleeping in y<sup>e</sup> Dust*  
*And happy shall be when they Rise*  
*Through grace to shine among y<sup>e</sup> wise*  
*In Reclms of Light & Peace above*  
*To sing & Praise Redeming Love.*

The son of JOHN and SARAH STONE, born January 23, 1701 ;  
 he married, December 28, 1726, MARY, daughter of JOSEPH and  
 HANNAH FARWELL, born February 5, 1709, and sister of his  
 brother JOHN's wife.

*Memento mori*  
 [Cherub's Head.]  
 HERE LIES  
 Buri'd the Body of  
 Cap<sup>t</sup>. Solomon Woods,  
 who was Killed by the  
 Fall of a Tree May y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>.  
 1783. In y<sup>e</sup> 36<sup>th</sup> year  
 of his Age.

The son of ISAAC and ABIGAIL (STEVENS) WOODS, born August  
 29, 1747.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]  
 ABIGAIL PRESCOTT  
 daughter of Hon<sup>le</sup>  
 OLIVER PRESCOTT Esq.  
 & Mrs. LYDIA his wife  
 died Oct<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1783  
 aged 15 years & 3  
 months.  
*An amiable Girl.*







1784

[Urn.]	[Cherub's Head.]	<i>Memento mori</i>	[Cherub's Head.]	[Urn.]
	ERECTED	[Hour-Glass.]	LIKEWISE	
	IN memory		IN memory	
	of Cap <sup>t</sup> AMOS		of M <sup>rs</sup> ABIGAIL	
	LAWRANCE <i>who</i>		LAWRANCE ( <i>wife of</i>	
	<i>departed this Life</i>		Cap <sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrance)	
	June y <sup>e</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>		<i>who departed this</i>	
	A.D. 1785. In the		<i>Life Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> A.D.</i>	
	70, year of		1784. In the 63 <sup>d</sup>	
	his Age.		year of her Age.	
	<i>The sweet remembrance of the Just,</i>		<i>Shall flourish when they sleep in Dust.</i>	

The youngest son of JOHN and ANNA (TARBELL) LAWRENCE, born February 19, 1715-6; he married, November 7, 1749, ABIGAIL, daughter of Deacon NEHEMIAH and SARAH (FOSTER) ABBOTT, of Lexington. She was born January 26, 1721.

[Cherub's Head.]  
 Moley Williams  
 3<sup>d</sup> Dau<sup>r</sup>. of Cap<sup>t</sup>.  
 John Williams  
 & M<sup>rs</sup> Moley his  
 wife who Died  
 Feb<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1784;  
 Aged 17 Months.

*Memento mori*  
 [Cherub's Head.]  
 IN Memory of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Tarbell  
 wife of  
 Lieut<sup>t</sup> William Tarbell  
*who departed this Life*  
 Feb<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1784.  
 Aged 88 years  
 1 month and 24 days.

The daughter of BENJAMIN and MARY (PRESCOTT) FARNSWORTH, born January 5, 1696.

Memento mori

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the  
Body of Mr Thaddeus  
Bancroft  
*who departed this Life*  
June 21<sup>st</sup> 1784  
Aged 28 year 2 months  
& 9 days.

The son of BENJAMIN and ALICE (TARBELL) BANCROFT.

1785

[*Cherub.*]

HERE lies y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of Mial Ames  
(Son of M<sup>r</sup>.  
Robert Ames &  
M<sup>rs</sup>. Ruth his wife)  
who died March y<sup>e</sup>  
31<sup>st</sup> 1785 ; Aged  
6 months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

THOMAS PRESCOTT  
son of Hon<sup>le</sup>  
OLIVER PRESCOTT Esq<sup>r</sup>  
& MRS. LUDIA his wife  
died Oct<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1785.  
aged 19 years.  
He had a weak body  
& a strong mind.

1786

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
 In Memory of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> ELIZABETH SAWTELL,  
 the wife of  
 Es<sup>r</sup> RICHARD SAWTELL,  
 Who Died May 14<sup>th</sup> 1786,  
 Aged 54 years.

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
*Memento mori*  
 ERECTED  
 In Memory of  
 M<sup>r</sup> THOMAS BAKER,  
 who departed this life,  
 May y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1786  
 in y<sup>e</sup> 54<sup>th</sup> Year of  
 his Age.

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
 IN Memory of  
 Mr. Nehemiah Lawrence,  
 who died July. 13<sup>th</sup>  
 1786. Aged 34 years  
 and 6 months.

*Death thou hast conquer'd me,  
 I by thy dart am slain ;  
 But Christ has conquer'd thee,  
 And I shall rise again.*

The son of AMOS and ABIGAIL (ABBOTT) LAWRENCE, born  
 January 14, 1752.

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
 In Memory of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> JOANNA SAWTELL *Relict of*  
 Lieu<sup>t</sup> HEZEKIAH SAWTELL ;  
 Who Died Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1786,  
 In the 85<sup>th</sup> year  
 of her Age.

Her maiden name was WILSON.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In Memory of  
Lieut. Abel Bancroft,  
Who Departed this Life  
October 30<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1786,  
In the 35<sup>th</sup> Year  
of his Age.

The son of BENJAMIN and ALICE (TARBELL) BANCROFT, born  
May 28, 1752.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In Memory of  
Elisha Rockwood<sup>d</sup>  
the Son of M<sup>r</sup>  
Samuel Rockwood  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy his wife  
who Died Dec<sup>r</sup> 13,  
1786 ; aged 2 years  
and 2 Days.

1787

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In Memory of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail Parker,  
the Wife of  
M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Parker,

who Died Feb<sup>y</sup> 19, 1787  
in y<sup>e</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

*She left two Hundred or upwards  
of Children & Grand-children.*

*The sweet Remembrance of Y<sup>e</sup> Just  
Shall flourish when She sleep in dust.*

The daughter of OBADIAH and HANNAH SAWTELL, born March  
13, 1697 ; she was the mother of fourteen children.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

IN Memory of  
M<sup>r</sup>. NATHANIEL STONE,  
who departed this life  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 1787.  
In the 36<sup>th</sup> year  
of his Age.

*Memento mori*

[*Willow Tree.*      *Urn.*      *Cherub's Head.*      *Urn.*      *Willow Tree.*]

ERECTED  
IN Memory of  
CAP<sup>t</sup>. BENJAMIN BANCROFT<sup>T</sup>,  
*who departed this Life*  
July the 21<sup>st</sup> 1787;  
Aged 86 years 2  
months & 4 days.

[*Willow Tree and Plumb.*]

SACRED  
to the  
memory of  
Capt. Jabez Holden  
who departed this  
life Aug<sup>t</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> 1787.  
in the 53 year  
of his age.

He married, June 16, 1761, RACHEL FARNSWORTH.

1788

*Memento mori*[*Cherub's Head.*]

ERECTED

In Memory of M<sup>r</sup>.

PETER PARKER,

*who departed this life, Jan<sup>r</sup>.*6<sup>th</sup> 1788: in the69<sup>th</sup> Year of his age.

The son of JAMES and ABIGAIL (PRESCOTT) PARKER, born  
August 6, 1719.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In memory of  
Evrett Williams,  
(*the* son of Capt.  
John Williams,  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Moley his  
wife ;) who died  
June 6, 1788 :  
Aged 6 weeks  
and 6 hours.

[*Urn.*][*Urn.*]

In Memory of  
*Mr. William Park,*  
who died June 17, 1788,  
in the 84 year  
of his age.

[*Urn.*]

Also In Memory of  
*Mrs. Anna Park,*  
wife of  
*Mr. William Park*  
who died Oct 2 1789,  
in the 85 year  
of her age.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

ERECTED

IN Memory of

Lieu! Ezra Farnsworth,

who died

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1788 ;

In the 86<sup>th</sup> year of

his age.

The son of BENJAMIN and MARY (PRESCOTT) FARNSWORTH,  
born January 17, 1703.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED

to the memory of

MRS. EUNICE PARKER,

*wife of*

*Mr. Nathaniel Parker,*

who died

Nov. 19, 1788.

*Æt.* 58.

The daughter of JACOB and EUNICE (LAKIN) LAKIN, born  
January 23, 1730-1.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

IN

Memory of

Lieut. ELISHA ROCKWOOD,

*who departed this Life*

Dec. ye. 5<sup>th</sup> 1788 :

Aged 72 years & 6 months.

*The sweet remembrance of the Just,*

*Shall flourish while they sleep in dust.*

The youngest child of NATHANIEL and JOANNA (ELLIS)  
ROCKETT, born June 11, 1716, at Wrentham ; he married,  
August 17, 1738, ELIZABETH ADAMS, born September 3, 1719, at  
Sherborn.

1789

<i>[Urn.</i>	<i>Willow Tree.</i>	<i>Willow Tree.</i>	<i>Urn.]</i>
MR. JONATHAN		MRS. ESTHER	
LAWRANCE		LAWRANCE,	
died		died Feb. 2, 1789	
April 12, 1806		in the 65 year	
in the 81 year		of her age.	
of his		wife of Mr.	
age.		<i>Jonathan Lawrance</i>	

The son of THOMAS and PRUDENCE LAWRENCE, born September 2, 1725; his wife was a daughter of JONATHAN and SARAH (BARRON) SHED, born August 23, 1724.

*[Cherub's Head.]*

IN  
Memory of  
Miss MOLLY STONE,  
Daugh<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Sybel Stone,  
who died June 16<sup>th</sup>  
1789: In the 18 year  
of her age.

*Memento mori*

*[Cherub's Head.]*

ERECTED  
In Memory of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Hannah Bowers,  
(wife of  
M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bowers.)  
who departed this life  
July ye 12<sup>th</sup> 1789;  
In the 48<sup>th</sup> year of  
her Age.

Her maiden name was BROWN; she was married December 2, 1761.



[*Cherub's Head.*]

*Memento mori*

HERE lies the Body  
of

M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Ames  
*who departed this Life*

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup> 1789 ;

Aged 26 years &  
1 month.

The son of ROBERT and SARAH (WOODS) AMES, born October  
12, 1763.

1790

[*Cherub.*]

In Memory of  
Ede Sawtell, *Dau<sup>r</sup>*  
*of Lieut. Elnathan &*  
*M<sup>rs</sup> Ruth Sawtell*, who  
died March y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>  
1790: Aged 2  
years & 5 days.

Remember death

[*Cherub's Head.*]

ERECTED

IN Memory of  
M<sup>rs</sup>. Anna Bancroft,  
Relict of  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Benjamin Bancroft,  
who departed this life  
April y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1790 ;  
In the 88<sup>th</sup> year of  
her Age

The daughter of JOHN and ANNA (TARBELL) LAWRENCE,  
baptized November 1, 1702.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In Memory of  
Mrs. Mahala Lawrence,  
wife of  
Mr. Rowland Lawrence  
who died  
July y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1790,  
Aged 26 years 1 m  
& 14 d

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In Memory of  
Eleazer Park  
Son of  
Mr John Park Jun<sup>r</sup>  
and M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia his  
wife who died Sept  
10<sup>th</sup> 1790, Aged 1 year  
10 months & 13 days

*Say lovely, prattling, playful boy,  
Thy Father's hope, thy Mother's Joy :  
Why didst thou make so short a stay !  
But steal our hearts & then away.  
God gives & takes let man adore,  
Death wafts me to th' immortal shore.*

[*Cherub's Head.*]

ERECTED  
In Memory of  
Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sawtell,  
who departed this Life  
Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1790,  
Aged 61<sup>st</sup> years 8  
months and 5 days.

The son of EPHRAIM and ABIGAIL SAWTELL, born April 18, 1729.

1791

*[Willow Tree and Urn.]*

ERECTED  
IN Memory of  
MR. NATHAN AMES  
who died  
*March 7, 1791.*  
Æt. 61.

*[Cherub's Head.]*

In memory  
of  
M<sup>r</sup>. OLIVER SPAULDING  
who departed this life  
Oct 27th, 1791 ;  
in the 28th year  
of his age.

1792

*[Cherub's Head.]*

IN  
Memory of Miss  
Rebecca Farnsworth  
Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>.  
Ebenezer Farnsworth  
and M<sup>rs</sup>. Sarah  
his wife who died  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 1792 ;  
in y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.

*Friends & physicians could not save,  
My mortal body from y<sup>e</sup> grave.  
Nor can y<sup>e</sup> grave confine me here,  
When Christ shall call me to appear.*

[Cherub's Head.]

ERECTED

In Memory of

Mrs. Betty Sawtell,  
wife of

Mr. Joseph Sawtell Junr  
who departed this life  
May 13<sup>th</sup> 1792. In  
the 36<sup>th</sup> year of her  
age.

*Oh ! all my friends the hour will soon appear  
When you must die, & leave your bodies here,  
Oh ! then prepare for death that when you die  
May join the saints, in songs above the skye.*

1793

[Cherub's Head.]

In Memory of

Mrs. MARY STONE,  
Relict of

Mr. JOSEPH STONE,  
who departed this Life  
April. 6<sup>th</sup> 1793, Aged  
81 years & 11 months.

The daughter of JONAS and THANKFUL (WHEELER) PRESCOTT,  
born April 29, 1711.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

[Urn.]

IN

[Urn.]

Memory of

Mrs. JEAN PARK  
wife of

Mr. JOHN PARK  
who died

April 25. 1793.

Æt. 61.

*Relentless death not tears nor pray'rs regards :  
Not worth nor usefulness his hand retards !*

Her maiden name was STEWART.

[*Cherub's Head.*]*Memento mori*

Here lies  
the body of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Chamberlin  
(wife of Sam<sup>l</sup> Chamber-  
lin and late wife of  
M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Patch)  
who died  
June y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1793 ;  
In the 64<sup>th</sup> year of  
her age.

The daughter of JACOB WRIGHT, of Westford.

[*Urn* ][*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

[*Urn.*]

Memory of  
MR. JOHN PARK  
who died  
Augt. 15. 1793.  
Æt. 62.

*Glory with all her lamps shall burn,  
And watch the Christians sleeping clay ;  
Till the last trumpet rouse his urn,  
To aid the triumphs of the day.*

[*Cherub.*]

IN

Memory of  
M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wood.  
who di<sup>e</sup>d  
March 2<sup>d</sup> 1794 :  
Aged 47.  
Also Bennit Wood. Son of  
M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wood &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Mary his wife,  
*who died*  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 1794 ;  
Aged 4 years.

1794

[*Cherub's Head.*]

ERECTED

To the  
memory of  
Mr.

Converce Richardson

*who died*

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1794,

Aged 62

1795

[*Cherub.*]

IN

Memory of

Mr Rebekah Lawrance

*wife of Lieu!*

Benjamin Lawrance,

*who died*

Feb: 18<sup>th</sup> 1795 ;

Aged 72

Her maiden name was DODGE.

[*Willow Tree.*]

In Memory of

Artemas Hemenway,

son of Lieut Samuel

& Mrs. Sarah Hemenway,

who died March 13<sup>th</sup>

1795, Aged 3 years

and 1 month.

IN Memory of

Polly Reed,

daug: of Mr. John

& Mrs: Sally Reed,

who died March

25<sup>th</sup> 1795, Aged

19 months.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In memory of  
James Rockwood,  
son of Lieut. Samuel<sup>l</sup>  
and Mrs Lucy Rockwood<sup>d</sup>  
his wife who died  
July 28th 1795.  
Aged 4 years 10  
months & 19 days.

IN

Memory of two  
Children of M<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas & M<sup>rs</sup> Mary  
Wood

Daniel died  
July y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
1795 ;  
in y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> year  
of his age.

Elizabeth  
died July 31<sup>st</sup>  
1795 ;  
in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> year  
of her age.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Beneath this monu-  
ment lies Buried  
SUSANNA PRESCOTT,  
eldest daughter of  
JAMES PRESCOTT JUN.  
ESQ, and Mrs. HANNAH  
PRESCOTT, *who died*  
August 14th 1795. In  
y<sup>e</sup> 3d year of her age.

*So fades the lovely blooming flower,  
Frail smiling solace of an hour ;  
So soon our transient comforts fly,  
And pleasure only blooms to die.*

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In memory of  
Thomas Rockwood,  
Son of Lieut. Samuel  
Rockwood & M<sup>rs</sup> Lucy  
his wife died Aug. 17  
1795 ; aged one year  
4 Months & 10 days.

[*Cherub.*]

IN  
Memory of  
Miss Anna Wait  
Daughter of Lieu<sup>t</sup>  
Phinehas Wait &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Edee his wife  
*who died*  
Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1795 ;  
in y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.

[*Cherub.*]

IN  
Memory of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Edee Wait,  
*wife of*  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> Phinehas Wait,  
*who died*  
Oct<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1795 ;  
in y<sup>e</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age

[*Cherub.*]

IN  
Memory of  
Miss Elizabeth Wait  
Daughter of Lieu<sup>t</sup>  
Phinehas Wait &  
Mrs. Sarah his wife  
*who died*  
Oct. y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1795 ;  
in y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.



[Urn.]

*Willow Tree and Urn.*

Urn.]

SACRED  
to the memory  
of  
JOSEPH SHEPLE ESQ<sup>r</sup>  
who died  
Oct. 16. 1795.  
Æt. 74.

The son of JOHN and LYDIA SHEPLE, born May 22, 1721.

[Cherub.]

IN

Memory of  
Miss Naby Fassett  
Daughter of Lieu<sup>t</sup>  
Amaziah Fassett &  
M<sup>r</sup> Edlee his wife  
*who died*  
Oct. y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1795;  
in y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> year  
of her age.

[Cherub's Head.]

ERECTED

In Memory of  
M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bowers  
*who died*  
Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1795;  
Aged 52.

[Urn.]

*Willow Tree and Urn.*

[Urn.]

IN

Memory of  
Mr. WILLIAM PARK  
who died  
Novr. 14. 1795.  
Æt. 32.

*Alass! from death the terrors fly,  
When once 'tis unders<sup>g</sup>ood;  
'Tis nature's call 'tis God's decree,  
And is, and must be good.*

1796

[*Cherub's Head.*]

In memory of  
MR. NEHEMIAH TROWBRIDGE,  
son of the late Rev. CALEB  
TROWBRIDGE, who died  
January 11th 1796.  
Aged 73 years.

[*Cherub.*]

IN  
Memory of  
Miss Bredget Fletcher  
Daughter of  
Mr. Ezekiel Fletcher &  
Mrs. Bredget his wife  
*who died*  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1796,  
Aged 28.

IN memory of  
Ralph Nutting Son of  
Mr. William Nutting  
and Mrs. Susanna  
his wife who died  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1796. Aged  
6 years & 3 days.

*Farewell dear babe, a short farewell,  
Till we shall meet again above ;  
In the sweet groves where pleasures dwell,  
And trees bear fruits of life & love.*

1797

EPHRAIM NUTTING

DIED

Jan. 10, 1797,  
Aged 91 years.

IN  
 memory of  
 Elizabeth Nutting  
 Daughter of  
 Mr. Abijah and Mrs.  
 Eunice Nutting  
*who died*  
 March 2<sup>d</sup> 1797 ;  
 Aged 2 years 11 mon-  
 ths and 10 days.

[*Cherub's Head.*]  
 In memory of  
 MR. EDMUND TARBELL,  
 the son of  
 MR. JOHN & MRS. HANNAH  
 TARBELL, who died June 20<sup>th</sup>  
 1797, aged 31 years and 13  
 days.

*Youth's fair flower soon fades and dies,  
 And Life's swift moment quickly flies ;  
 But to prepare for Death and Heav'n  
 Is all for which the longest Life is giv'n.*

[*Willow Tree.*

Urn.

[*Willow Tree.*]

IN  
 Memory of  
 Mrs. Hannah Green,  
*wife of*  
 Mr. William Green,  
*who died*  
 Sep. 3<sup>d</sup> 1797.  
 Aged 90 years.

Her maiden name was HOLDEN.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED

In Memory of  
Miss Grace Whiting  
daughter of  
Leonard Whiting Esq.  
of Hollis N.H. & Ann  
his wife, who departed  
this Life October 15<sup>th</sup>  
A.D. 1797. Æt. 27.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN Memory of  
M<sup>RS</sup> MARY LAWRENCE,  
*wife of*  
M<sup>R</sup> SALMON LAWRENCE,  
who died Dec. 22,  
1797. Æt. 28  
years 2 months &  
26 days

1798

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

[*Urn.*]

SACRED

[*Urn.*]

to the memory of  
MRS. SARAH SHATTUCK,  
*wife of*  
*Cap Job Shattuck,*  
who died  
May 5. 1798.  
Æt. 61.

*Retire my friends dry up your tears  
I shall rise when Christ appears.*

The daughter of SAMUEL and SARAH (HOLDEN) HARTWELL, born March 19, 1737-8. She was one of a band of patriotic women who arrested, in April, 1775, LEONARD WHITING, of Hollis, New Hampshire, a noted tory, bearing despatches from Canada to the British in Boston.

[*Willow Tree.**Urn.**Willow Tree.*]

IN

Memory of  
 Mrs. Deborah Shipley  
 wife of  
 Mr. James Shipley  
 who died  
 Sep! 12<sup>th</sup> 1798 ;  
 Aged 37.

[*Willow Tree.**Urn.**Willow Tree.*]

IN

Memory of  
 MR. JOHN GRAGG  
 who died Sep! 18, 1798 ;  
 in the 58 year of his age.

*When I lie bury'd deep in dust,  
 My flesh shall be thy care :  
 These with'ring limbs with thee I trust,  
 To raise them strong and fair.*

The son of JACOB and MARGARET GRAGG, born July 9, 1741.

1799

[*Willow Tree and Urn* ]

SACRED

to the memory of  
 MRS. EUNICE LAKIN  
*wife of Mr Jacob Lakin*  
 who died  
 Jan! 1, 1799  
 Æt. 92.

The daughter of JOSIAH and LUCY LAKIN ; she was born October 7, 1707, and married, January 28, 1729-30, her cousin JACOB, son of JOSEPH and ABIGAIL LAKIN.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

[*Hour-Glass.*]

In memory of  
MRS. ELIZABETH ROCKWOOD  
the widow of  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> ELISHA ROCKWOOD  
who departed this life  
May 16 A. D. 1799, in the  
80<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Her maiden name was ADAMS ; she was born September 13,  
1719, at Sherborn, and was married August 17, 1738.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
Memory of  
MISS. ELISABETH TARB-  
ELL, daughter of  
Mr. Nehemiah & Mrs  
Martha Tarbell,  
who died  
July 12, 1799 ;  
Aged 21.

*Friends as you pass, suppress the falling tear,  
You wish her out of heaven, to wish her hear.*

[*Urn.*]

In Memory of  
Curtis Cook (Son of  
Insign Peter Cook &  
Mrs. Alice his wife)  
who died  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1799.  
Aged 1 year 3 months  
and 12 days

*Sleep on my babe ! & take your rest ;  
God took you home, w<sup>h</sup>en he thought best.*

[*Urn.*]

In Memory of  
Evelina Wheeler, Daugh.  
of Mr. Asa and Mrs.  
Sarah Wheeler, who  
died Sep<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1799.  
Æt. 1 year 3 months  
& 2 days.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED  
In Memory of  
MRS. SARAH FARWELL,  
Consort of  
CAP<sup>t</sup> HENRY FARWELL,  
who died  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 15 1799.  
Aged 66

The sweet remembrance of the just,  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

Her maiden name was TAYLOR, and she was from Westford.

In memory of  
Nabby Carlton Daugh-  
ter of Mr. Solomon and  
Mrs. Nabby Carlton  
who died  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup> 1799. Aged  
1 year 10 months &  
15 days.

[Urn.]

IN Memory of  
Sally Cook Daughter of  
Insign Peter Cook &  
Mrs. Alice his wife  
who died  
Oct. 2<sup>d</sup> 1799.  
Aged 3 years 1 month  
and 20 days.

*Sleep on my babe! & take your rest;  
God took you home, when he thought best.*

1800

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

ERECTED  
IN memory of  
Mrs. Susanna the wife of  
Mr. William Nutting  
who departed this life  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1800.  
Aged 42 years &  
4 months.

*"Be still and know that I am God,"  
Were the last words her lips exprest;  
Her flesh doth rest beneath this clod,  
Her soul enjoys immortal rest.*



To  
The memory of  
HON. JAMES PRESCOTT ESQ.  
This monument is  
Erected

☞ Stranger! Here lies the son of THE  
HON. BENJAMIN PRESCOTT ESQ. and grandson  
of JONAS PRESCOTT ESQ. of Groton, and great  
grandson of CAPT. JOHN PRESCOTT of Lanc-  
aster. He was born Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1720, 1  
He served the public more than fifty years suc-  
cessively, in various military offices, the of-  
fice of civil Magistrate, Legislator, Counsel-  
lor of the Executive, Sheriff of Middlesex,  
or Judge of the C. C. Pleas, which last he  
sustained to his death. He was distinguish-  
ed for his patriotic labors to establish the  
rights and independence of his country.  
Ever the steady friend of true liberty, infl-  
exible in virtue, and thro' life exemplary  
for christian piety.

He died Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1800, Æ. 80.

"Quick flees the shadow, man!"

[*Willow Tree. Urn. Willow Tree.*]

ERECTED  
IN Memory of  
MRS. ABAGAIL BUTTRICK  
wife of  
MR. TILLY BUTTRICK  
who died  
May 2, 1800.  
Æ. 44.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In Memory of  
 Mrs. BREDGET FLETCHER,  
 wife of  
 Lieut. EZEKIEL FLETCHER,  
 who died  
 Augt. 9, 1800.  
 Aged 53.

*Mark my gay friends the solemn tole,  
 Speaks the departure of the soul.  
 Let each one ask himself am I  
 Prepar'd, shoul'd I be call'd to die.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

ERECTED  
 In memory of  
 Mrs. Ruth Lawrance  
 wife of  
 Mr. Joel Lawrance  
 who departed this life  
 Nov. 19, 1800 ;  
 Aged 35 years.

The daughter of JONATHAN COLLIER, of Groton.

1801

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

SACRED  
 To the Memory of  
 Mr. EPHRAIM NASH,  
 who died  
 Augt. 27, 1801 ;  
 Aged 71.

*The sweet Remembrance of the just,  
 Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.*

1802

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

To  
 the Memory of  
 Mrs. Sarah Taylor  
 Relict of Mr. David  
 Taylor formerly wife of  
 Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Parker  
 and also wife of  
 Mr. Abiel Richardson  
 She died Feb<sup>y</sup> 9, 1802 ;  
 Aged 80 years.

[*Willow Tree.*]

*Daniel Livermore,*  
 Died August  
 28, 1802,  
 aged 3 months  
 & 10 days.  
*son of Mr William*  
*& Mrs Betsey Livermore,*

[*Urn.*]

J. T.  
 ERECTED  
 in memory of  
 MR. JOHN TARBELL,  
 who died 9, Sep. 1802,  
 in the 80th year  
 of his age.

The son of WILLIAM and MARY (FARNSWORTH) TARBELL, born August 19, 1723 ; he married, first, October 29, 1753, SARAH, daughter of JOHN and MARY (BRADSTREET) PARKER, born April 14, 1726, and, secondly, HANNAH —

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED

In memory of

LIEUT. PHINEAS WAIT.

who departed this life

Nov<sup>r</sup> 29, 1802 ;

in the 67 year of

his age.

The son of PHINEAS and MARY (HUBBARD) WAIT, born November 12, 1736 ; he married, first, January 28, 1762, SARAH PIERCE, of Pepperell, and, secondly, EDE —

1803

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

Erected in Memory of

Mrs. Jane Reed Relict

of Mr. Timothy Reed

of *Dunstable*, formerly the

wife of Lieut. William

Nutting of this Town,

who died Feb<sup>y</sup> 7, 1803, in

the 86 year of her age.

Her maiden name was BOYNTON.

[*Willow Tree. Urn. Willow Tree.*]

In memory of

MR. TIMOTHY CROU<sup>th</sup>

who died

March 4 1803

in the 53, Year

of his age.

[Urn.]

IN memory of

LOVINA

CONSORT of MR. ABEL  
TARBELL, who died 1st.

Octr. 1803. in the

22 year of

her age.

The daughter of JOSHUA and BRIDGET LONGLEY, of Shirley,  
born August 15, 1781.

[Willow Tree.]

In Memory of

Tho: Barrett Nutting

son of Mr. William &amp;

Mrs. Mary Nutting, he

died Oct: 7<sup>th</sup> 1803,

aged 18 months &amp; 19 Ds.

*Ah! little Pleasant lovely Boy**Thy Father's hope, thy Mother's**Why didst thou make no longer**Just steal our hearts & then away.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

IN

memory of

MR. ISAIAH EDES

who died

NOV. 17. 1803.

Æt. 73

The son of PETER and ESTHER (HALL) EDES, born December 11, 1730, at Charlestown; he married AGNES, daughter of ROBERT, Jr., and SUSANNA (JOHNSON) SCREECH, and removed to Groton in the year 1796. He married for his second wife, Mrs. SARAH PARKER, and for his third, MARY KEMP. There were no children by the second marriage.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MR. JAMES MOORS  
son of Joseph Moors  
Esq. and Mrs. Sarah Moors,  
who died Dec. 14th,  
1803 ;  
in the 20th year  
of his age.

*Let sorrow change to sacred mirth,  
Know God in love hath given  
The pure in heart, who mourn on earth,  
Perpetual smiles in heaven.*

1804

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED  
IN  
Memory of  
CAPT. HENRY FARWELL,  
who died  
Jan. 9, 1804,  
in the 81 year  
of his age.

The son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH FARWELL, born July 21, 1724 ; a soldier in the French war and a captain of a company of minute men at the opening of the Revolution. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED  
to  
the memory of  
CAP. ASA LAWRENCE,  
who died  
Jan. 16. 1804.  
Æt. 67.

The son of PELEG and RUTH LAWRENCE, born June 14, 1737 ; he married, July 27, 1757, ABIGAIL KING, of Littleton.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN memory of  
MRS. MARY STONE  
*Relict of*  
DEA. JAMES STONE,  
who died  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 1804;  
Æt. 95.

The daughter of JONAS and HANNAH FARWELL, born February 5, 1709; she was married December 28, 1726.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

HERE lies buried  
George Dana,  
Son of Samuel Dana  
& Rebeckah his wife  
who died April 12  
A. D. 1804, aged 1 year  
6 months & 10 days.

[*Urn.*]

IN Memory of  
*Lieut. Reuben Lewis.*  
who died  
May 4, 1804,  
aged 65  
years.

[*Urn and Willow Tree.*]

Monumental Tribute

SAMUEL ROCKWOOD,

son of

ELISHA ROCKWOOD, and

ELIZABETH his wife,

Was born at Groton Decem. 6  
1754, and died suddenly May 29,  
1804; for a course of years he  
sustained the office of Deacon  
in the Church, and was honored  
with many posts of civil trust,  
the duties of which  
He discharged with great prudence  
and fidelity.

In his character,  
was conspicuous an uncommon assemblage  
Of the mildest and most useful virtues.

At his death,  
Among survivors who knew him,  
There were none but friends —  
All united in deploring this loss.

Here lies Lydia Ann  
Prescott, daughter  
of Oliver Prescott  
Junr. Esq. and Mrs. Ann  
his wife who died  
Sept. 4th 1804.  
Aged 1 year and 11  
months.



[Urn.]

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

ERECTED

[Urn.]

In memory of  
 MRS. BETSY GASS,  
 wife of  
 MR. THOMAS GASS,  
 who died  
 Sep. 21, 1804.  
 in the 35 year of  
 her age.

*Death is a debt to nature due,  
 I've paid the debt and so must you.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

ERECTED

In memory of Dea:<sup>n</sup>  
 BENJAMIN BANCROFT  
*who died*  
 Octr. 27, 1804.  
 Aet. 80.

Eldest child of BENJAMIN and ANNA (LAWRENCE) BANCROFT,  
 born September 29, 1724, at Charlestown; he married, October  
 18, 1749, ALICE, daughter of WILLIAM and MARY (FARNSWORTH)  
 TARBELL. She was born March 4, 1729-30, and died November  
 29, 1781.

ERECTED

[A TABLET.]

in memory  
 of the

HON. OLIVER PRESCOTT Esq.  
 M. D. A. A. S. M. M. S. S.  
 who departed this life  
 November 17, A.D. 1804.

aged 73 years, 6 months, and 9 days.

ALSO

MRS. LYDIA PRESCOTT,  
 Consort of the  
 above said OLIVER PRESCOTT, who died  
 September 27, A.D. 1798,  
 aged 62 years, 11 months, and 11 days.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED

In memory of  
MR. CALEB BLOOD,  
who died  
Decr. 9. 1804.

Æt. 70. *flee,*

*From death the gloomy terrors  
When once tis understood,  
'Tis natures call 'tis Gods decree  
And is and must be good.*

Son of JOHN and JOANNA (NUTTING) BLOOD, born November 23, 1734; he married, November 1, 1753, for his first wife, HANNAH, daughter of JOHN and SARAH (DAVIS) HOLDEN, and March 3, 1774, for his second, ELIZABETH, daughter of ISAAC and ANNA (GREEN) FARNSWORTH.

1805

[*Urn.*]

Luther Tarbell  
son of Mr. William &  
Mrs. Mary Tarbell,  
died 4 Jan. 1805  
aged 8 years & 9  
months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN Memory of  
Mrs. ALICE COOK  
wife of  
Mr. PETER COOK  
who died  
March 16, 1805;  
Aged 29 years  
2 months and  
13 days.

*The sweet remembrance of the just,  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.  
Retire my friends, dry up your tears;  
Here I must lay till Christ appears.*

[Willow Tree.]

In memory of  
Peter Woodberry, son of  
Mr. Samuel and  
Mrs. Rebe<sup>c</sup>ah Woodberry,  
who died  
July 2, 1805 ;  
Aged 4 years.

*Sleep on sweet babe, and take<sup>e</sup> your rest,  
For God will call, when he thinks bes<sup>t</sup>.*

[ Keystone.		
Hour-Glass.	Compass.	
Trowel.	Urn.	Pickaxe.
Coffin.	Spade.	

ERECTED  
in memory of  
Lieut. JONAS FARNSWORTH,  
who departed this life  
suddenly by a stroke of the sun  
16<sup>th</sup> July 1805.  
in the 57<sup>th</sup> year  
of his age.

*An honest man is the noblest work of God.*

The son of AMOS and LYDIA (LONGLEY) FARNSWORTH, born  
August 18, 1748.

[Willow Tree.]

IN MEMORY OF  
GABRIEL L. BLOOD,  
son of Mr. Henry & Mrs.  
Abigail Blood,  
who died Aug. 28, 1805.  
aged 6 years & 7 months.

*Sleep on sweet babe & take your*  
*For God will call, when he thinks*  
*(rest,*  
*(best.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MR. JAMES KINDALL,  
who died  
Sep. 20, 1805.  
Æt. 27.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ABIGAIL GARDNER.  
*consort of*  
THOMAS GARDNER ESQ.  
*daughter of the*  
HON. EBENEZER &  
ABIGAIL CHAMPNEY,  
was born  
May 4, 1767.  
died  
Nov. 10, 1805.

*Thus must we leave the banks of life,  
And try this doubtful sea  
Vain are our groans & dying strife  
To gain a moments stay.*

Her mother was the daughter of the Reverend CALEB  
TROWBRIDGE, the fifth minister of the town.

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1806

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of

MR. JONATHAN PEIRCE,  
 who died May 12, 1806 ; in  
 the 55. Year of his age.  
 He was a tender father, an  
 affectionate husband,  
 a benevolent neighbour,  
 a sincere friend.

*Thrice blessed are the pious dead,  
 Who in the Lord shall die ;  
 Their weary flesh as on a bed  
 Safe in the grave shall lie.  
 Their holy souls at length releas'd  
 To heaven shall take their flight ;  
 There to enjoy eternal rest,  
 And infinite delight."*

The son of JONATHAN and RUTH (GILSON) PEIRCE, born  
 December 3, 1751.

[*Stars. Square and Compass. Stars.*]

In memory of

MR. WILLIAM LEPEAR,  
 who died  
 June 5, 1806.  
 Æt. 63.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In Memory of

Lieut. EZEKIEL FLETCHER  
 who died  
 July 7, 1806.  
 Aged 65.

*Welcome those Bonds which did unite  
 My soul to it's Supreme delight*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

SACRED

To the  
Memory of  
Cap<sup>t</sup>.

JEPHTHAH RICHARDSON

who died  
Oct. 9. 1806.

Æ. 49.

*The noble, generous, resolute & just,  
Like other, mortals mingles with the dust.*

The son of CONVERSE and MARY RICHARDSON; he kept a tavern, during many years, on the present site of the Baptist Church.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

[Urn.]

SACRED

[Urn.]

To  
the Memory of  
MR. WILLIAM SHATTUCK  
who died  
Oct. 9. 1806.  
Æt. 42.

Son of JOB and SARAH (HARTWELL) SHATTUCK, born March 8, 1765; he married EUNICE, daughter of SIMON and ANNA (SHATTUCK) BLOOD.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

IN memory of  
OLIVE MOORS  
daughter of Joseph  
Moors Esq. and Mrs.  
Sarah Moors, who died  
Nov. 6th, 1806 in the  
14th year of her  
age.

*As fades the lovely blooming flower,  
Frail, smiling solace of an hour!  
So soon our transient comforts fly,  
And pleasures only bloom to die.*

[Urn.]

In Memory of  
 Sarah Shattuck,  
 Daughter of  
*Mr. William Shattuck,*  
 who died Nov. 7. 1806.  
 Aged 7 years &  
 3 months.

1807

[Urn.]

In memory of Adeline  
 Amelia Weeks, Daugh.  
 of Mr. David & Mrs. Eli-  
 za Weeks, who died Jan.  
 16, 1807; aged 5 mon-  
 ths & 22 days.

*Farewell sweet babe farewell adieu  
 No more with pleasure shall I look on you  
 Death comes with a scythe to cut the down  
 Like the tender grass you must be mown  
 You have left a world of sorrow sin & pain  
 It is wicked to call thee back to life again.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

[Urn.]

SACRED

[Urn.]

To

the Memory of  
 MRS. EUNICE SHATTUCK.  
*wife of Mr. William Shattuck*  
 who died Feb. 10 1807.  
 Æt. 41.

The daughter of SIMON and ANNA (SHATTUCK) BLOOD, born  
 February 25, 1766.

[Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.]

In memory of

MR.

THOMAS GRAGG,  
who died May 17,  
1807, Æt. 61.

ALSO MRS. EUNICE,  
his wife, died Dec.  
18, 1826. Æt. 76.

*In dust their relics here repose,  
Their joys and griefs are done ;  
The Judgment day will full disclose,  
The crowns which they have won.*

The son of JACOB and MARGARET GRAGG, born July 21, 1746 ;  
he married, December 1, 1768, EUNICE, daughter of JOHN and  
LYDIA (PARKER) LAKIN, born August 19, 1750.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

IN

Memory of

Lieut. Benjamin Lawrence<sup>e</sup><sub>A</sub>  
*who died*

July 5, 1807.

Æt. 87.

The son of NATHANIEL and ANNA (SCRIPTURE) LAWRENCE,  
born November 6, 1720 ; he married, June 20, 1744, REBECCA  
DODGE.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of

Ensign PETER COOK  
*who died*

Nov. 9 A. D. 1807.

Aged 42 years

and 11 months.

*Alas ! from death the terrors fly,  
When once 'tis understood ;  
'Tis nature's call 'tis God's decree,  
And is & must be good.*



1808

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED  
to the memory of  
MR. SAMUEL FLETCHER  
who died  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. 13, 1808.  
Æt. 27.

[*Urn, Compass, and Willow Tree.*]

In memory of  
MR. TIMOTHY SPAULDING,  
who died Feb. 19, 1808 ;  
aged 38 years 10 months  
& 11 days.

Dorothy Emerson,  
daughter of Mr. De-  
arborn, & Mrs. Sal-  
ly Emerson, died  
29th Feb. 1808.  
Aged 1 year, 5 mon-  
ths and 27 days.

[*Urn and Willow Tree.*]

In memory of  
MISS MARIA SAWTELL  
dau. of Ens. RICHARD &  
MRS. ELIZABETH SAWTELL  
who died 22, April 1808 ;  
in the 38 year of  
her age.

*Death is a debt by nature due,  
Which I have paid & so must you.*

[Urn.]

*Willow Tree and Urn.*

Urn.]

SACRED

to the memory of

MRS. LUCY HOBART

*wife of**Mr. Josiah Hobart*

who died

June 5, 1808

Æt. 90.

*Erected by William Cumings Esq.*[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED

in memory of

CAPT.

EBENEZER HOPKINS,

who died

August 24, 1808.

Æt. 88.

*Cruel death hath conquer'd me,**I with his dart am slain ;**But Christ hath conquer'd death,**And I shall rise again.*[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

James son of Mr.

James &amp; Mrs. Faithey

Ridgway, died 9

Sept. 1808 aged

20 months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED

To

the Memory

of

MR. ISAAC BOWERS,

who died

Sep. 14, 1808.

Æt. 67.

The son of SAMUEL and DEBORAH (FARNSWORTH) BOWERS,  
born June 26, 1741 ; he married, March 25, 1765, PRISCILLA  
DODGE.

Sewall Emerson,  
son of Mr. Dearborn,  
and Mrs. Sally  
Emerson, died 16  
Oct. 1808.  
Aged 9 days.

[*Urn.*]  
IN memory of  
Charls Ames,  
Son of  
Mr. Peter &  
Sally Ames,  
*who died*  
Novr. 8, 1808.  
Aged 3 years,  
3 months &  
15 days.

1809

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MR. PHINEAS PARKER,  
*who died*  
Feb. 15 1809.  
Æt. 61.  
*This stone erected by his*  
*Brother*  
*James Parker, Esq.*

The son of LEONARD and ABIGAIL PARKER, born September 23, 1748; he married, May 26, 1773, RELIEF, daughter of ROBERT and DEBORAH PARKER, born March 27, 1750.

[*Urn and Willow Tree.*]

*In memory of*  
SARAH,  
*wife of*  
JOSEPH ROCKWOOD,  
*who died*  
March 29, 1809,  
Æt. 66.

Her maiden name was RICHARDSON ; she was married January 30, 1766.

[*Willow Tree.    Urn.    Willow Tree.*]

SACRED  
to the memory of  
Mr. STEPHEN KEMP,  
who died April 29  
1809.  
Aged 27 years.  
son of Capt. LEVI & Mrs.  
REBECKAH KEMP.  
*He liv'd belov'd & died lamented*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*Mem<sup>o</sup>. Mori*  
SACRED  
To  
the Memory of  
Mr. JOHN SHEPLE,  
who died  
May 27, AD. 1809.  
Æt. 52.  
*Exc. by John Park Jr.*

The son of JOHN and ABIGAIL (GREEN) SHEPLE, born February 3, 1757.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MISS REBECCA LEWIS  
who died  
June 21. 1809,  
Æt. 47.

The daughter of JAMES and REBECCA (BROWN) LEWIS, born  
July 15, 1762, at Billerica.

1810

[*Willow Tree.*]

An  
infant son of  
LIEUT. ABR<sup>M</sup> &  
MARY MOORE  
born  
May 7. AD.  
1810.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*Memento Mori*  
SACRED  
to the memory of  
of  
CAP. JAMES LEWIS,  
formerly of Billerica  
who died  
June 12. 1810.  
Æt. 75.

The son of BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH (JAQUITH) LEWIS, born  
September 25, 1735, at Wilmington. He married, January 3,  
1760, REBECCA BROWN, and removed to Groton in the spring  
of 1796.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
SALLY E. BLOOD,  
*Daugh<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Luther Blood,*  
*and M<sup>rs</sup> Sally his wife,*  
who died July 18, 1810.  
Æt. 2. years.

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1811

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED  
to the memory  
of  
ABIGAIL GARDNER  
*daughter of*  
*Thomas Gardner Esq.*  
*and*  
*Abigail Gardner*  
*his wife*  
who died March 23, 1811  
aged 18 years  
“Beauty only blooms to die,”  
But this mortal, must put on  
immortality.”

MR. JOHN PARK,  
DIED  
MAY 26, 1811,  
ÆT. 50.  
MRS. LYDIA, HIS WIFE,  
DIED  
SEPT. 3, 1845,  
ÆT. 82.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MRS. BETSEY PAGE  
*wife of Enoch C. Page*  
who died  
June 6, 1811.  
Æt. 22.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN memory of  
WILLIAM TUFTS,  
*Son of Mr. Eliakim & Mrs.*  
*Sarah Tufts, who died*  
Sep. 1, 1811 :  
Æt. 17.

*Youth blooming fair and age must die*  
*And turn to dust as well as I.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MRS. SIBEL STONE,  
*widow of*  
*Mr. Nathaniel Stone,*  
who died  
Sep<sup>r</sup>. 27. 1811.  
Æt. 78.

[*Urn.*]

Abigail Wheelock  
*Daughter of*  
*John & Lydia Todd*  
died Dec<sup>r</sup>. 4. 1811.  
Æt. 1 year & 4 mo<sup>s</sup>

1812

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

ERECTED  
in memory of  
MR. SILAS PARKER,  
who died  
Feby 23<sup>d</sup> 1812,  
in the 52<sup>d</sup> year  
of his age.

*O ye whose cheek the tear of pity stains,  
Draw near with pious rev'rence and attend!  
Here lie the loving husband's dear remains,  
The tender father, and the gen'rous friend.*

[Willow Tree.                      Urn.                      Willow Tree.]

In  
memory of  
MR. EPHRAIM KEMP.  
*who died*  
Apr<sup>l</sup> 30, 1812,  
Æt. 71, years.

*Retire my friends dry up your <sup>tears:</sup>*  
*Here I lie till Christ appe <sup>ars.</sup>*

The son of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH (GILSON) KEMP, born  
March 22, 1741.

JERUSHA,  
*wife of*  
*Ephraim Nutting,*

DIED  
May 22, 1812,  
*Aged 87 years.*



[Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.]

ROWLAND LAWRENCE,

DIED

June 17, 1812,

Æt. 49.

MAHALA,

*his wife*

*died July 30, 1790,*

Æt. 26

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

IN memory of

MR. ELISHA YOUNG

*who died*

Nov. 19, 1812.

Æt. 58.

*Death is a debt you all must pay,  
Prepare then for your dying day.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

IN

memory of

MISS SYRENA SHEPLE

*Dau. of Mr. Wilder &*

*Mrs. Phebe Sheple*

*who died*

Dec. 25. 1812.

Æt. 12 years.

*Stop passenger as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I;  
As I am now, so you must be,  
Prepare for death and follow me.*

1813

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

[Urn.]

IN

[Urn.]

Memory of  
 LIEU! JOBE SHATTUCK,  
 the 3<sup>rd</sup> who died  
 Feb. 20, 1813:  
 Æt. 31.

*Friends and physicians could not save,  
 My mortal body from the grave,  
 Nor can the grave confine me here,  
 When Christ my Saviour doth appear.*

The son of JOB and ELIZABETH (BLOOD) SHATTUCK, born January 22, 1782; he married, April 19, 1803, POLLY PRESCOTT, daughter of ELNATHAN and RUTH SAWTELL, born January 11, 1784. His widow afterward married LUTHER SHATTUCK, a brother of her first husband.

[Willow Tree.]

In memory of

MR. PARKER WETHER <sup>(BEE,</sup>  
*who died*  
 Feb. 25, 1813,  
 Æt. 43.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of

CALVIN BLOOD,  
*Son of Mr. Luther Blood  
 and Mrs. Sally his wife,*  
 who died Febr. 27.

1813. Æt. 11. days.

*Sleep on sweet child & take thy re<sup>st</sup>,  
 To call thee home God saw it be<sup>st</sup>*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
CAPT.  
EZEKIEL SHATTUCK,  
who died  
April 1. 1813.  
Æt. 48.

*Just as the grass is withered  
Beneath the scorching sun,  
His glory in the dust is laid,  
His usefulness is done.*

The son of NOAH and SARAH (HARTWELL) SHATTUCK, born April 12, 1763; he married, September 25, 1788, PRUDENCE, daughter of LEVI BLOOD, born October 30, 1770.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
Memory of  
MR. BENJ<sup>A</sup>. BOWERS,  
who died  
May 4, 1813,  
Æt. 47.

The son of ISAAC and PRISCILLA (DODGE) BOWERS, born October 27, 1766.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN memory of  
MRS. MARY GULLIVER,  
*widow of*  
*Mr. Benjamin Gulliver,*  
who died  
June 7, 1813;  
Æt. 31.

Her maiden name was BANCROFT.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]  
*In Memory of*  
 MISS  
 ABIGAIL W. PATTERSON.  
*Daughter of Mr. Nicollus &*  
*Mrs. Abigail W. Patterson of*  
*Harvard, who died*  
 June 23, 1813.  
 Æt. 22.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]  
 Anna dau. of Capt.  
 Noah & Mrs. Anna  
 Shattuck, died Sept.  
 19<sup>th</sup> 1813: aged 9 years  
 & 9 months.  
*May guardian cherubs watch thy sacred* <sup>trust,</sup>  
*Till recent life reanimates thy dust.*

1814

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]  
 SACRED  
 to the memory of  
 MRS. REBECCA LEWIS,  
*wife of*  
 CAPT. JAMES LEWIS,  
 who died  
 Jan. 1, 1814.  
 Æt. 75.

The daughter of SAMUEL BROWN, of Billerica, born February  
 29, 1739-40.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]  
 James Son of  
 Mr. James & Mrs.  
 Faithey Ridgway,  
 died Jan. 19, 1814.  
 Aged 8 months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
Memory of  
MISS  
MARJARY LAWRENCE.  
who died  
Jan. 29, 1814.  
Æt. 63.

The daughter of BENJAMIN and REBECCA (DODGE) LAWRENCE,  
born January 3, 1751.

[*Willow Tree.*]

In memory of  
Joseph T. Nutting,  
*son of*  
*Mr. Joseph Danforth &*  
*Mrs. Lucinda Nutting,*  
who died  
March 24. 1814.  
aged 2 years.  
*We will not weep*  
*Our babe's asleep*  
*In Jesus' arms.*

[*Willow Tree.*]

IN memory of  
James Putnam  
*son of*  
*Peter & Susanna Putnam*  
*who died March 29, 1814.*  
aged 9 years 6 months  
*Corruption earth and worms*  
*Doth but refine this flesh;*  
*Till my triumphant spirit comes*  
*And puts it on afresh.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

memory of

MR. WILDER SHEPLE

who died

April 2. 1814.

Æt. 60.

*Not beauty youth nor friend could save,  
Nor virtue snatch thee from the grave,  
Nor sigh nor groan nor falling tear,  
Prolong thy stay one moment here.*

The son of JOSEPH and EUNICE SHEPLE, born May 5, 1754.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

memory of

THOMAS LAWRENCE,

*Son of Mr. Joel &*

*Mrs. Ruth Lawrence,*

who died

Augt. 5. 1814.

Æt. 22.

He was drowned in Long Pond.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

memory of

MRS. ABIGAIL TROWBRIDGE,

*wife of*

*Mr. Nehemiah Trowbridge,*

who died

Oct. 14, 1814

Æt. 78.

*Thrice happy shades, now freed from cares,  
Thy mortal frame at rest,  
Secure from pain, from grief and fears,  
With kindred souls thou'rt blest.*

The daughter of MATTHIAS and ABIGAIL (SHED) FARNSWORTH, born November 19, 1735; she was married January 12, 1758.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

*memory of*

Sarah S. Brown,

*Dau. of Mr. Aaron &*

*Mrs. Sarah Brown,*

Died Dec. 14, 1814;

*aged 16 months.*

1815

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ALMON,

died Jan. 29, 1815,

Æt. 3 ms. 15 ds.

LYMAN, JR.

died Sept. 16, 1826,

Æt. 16 ys. 11 ms. 3 ds.

*Sons of Lyman &*

*Nabby Fletcher.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

[*Urn.*]

ERECTED

[*Urn.*]

in memory of

SALLY STONE

*consort of Nathaniel Stone*

who died March 8, 1815.

Æt. 24.

Also in memory of

an Infant, son of

*Nathaniel & Sally Stone,*

who died Aug. 25, 1813.

Aged 24 hours.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MR.  
NATHANIEL SHATTUCK,  
who died  
April 5. 1815.  
Æt. 67.

*Friends nor physicians could not save,  
My mortal body from the grave;  
Nor can the grave confine me here,  
When Christ shall call me to appear.*

The son of WILLIAM and EXPERIENCE (SPAULDING) SHATTUCK, born at Hollis, New Hampshire; he married EUNICE, daughter of BENJAMIN and BETTY (NUTTING) HAZEN, born April 30, 1754.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MR. SAMPSON PRESCOTT,  
who died May 16,  
1815; Æt. 52 ys.  
Also MRS. LUCY,  
his wife, died March  
14, 1834; Æt. 71 ys.

*"Here memory comes by true affection led  
To commune with the distant and the dead.,*

[*Urn.*

*Willow Tree and Urn.*

*Urn.*]

ERECTED  
in memory of  
MR. RICHARD SAWTELL  
who died  
Octr. 16. 1815.  
Æt. 78.

The son of HEZEKIAH and JOANNA (WILSON) SAWTELL, born June 21, 1737; he married, March 23, 1763, ELIZABETH BENNET.



1816

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

[Urn.]

ERECTED

[Urn.]

in memory of

MR. BELA HEMENWAY,

*Son of**Lieut. Samuel Hemenway,**and Mrs. Sarah his wife,*

who died

Janr. 17. 1816.

Æt. 26.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

JONAS

*Son of Mr. Thomas &**Mrs. Lovina Farnsworth*

died Febr. 2. 1816.

Æt. 3 mo: &amp; 13. days.

*Ah ! little pleasant lovely boy,  
 Thy fathers hope thy mothers joy,  
 Why didst thou make no longer stay,  
 Just steal our hearts and then away.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

SACRED

to

the memory of

MR JONAS STONE

who died

April 26, 1816,

Æt. 78.

The son of JOSEPH and MARY (PRESCOTT) STONE, born  
 November 11, 1737.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED  
to the memory of  
MR. BENJAMIN JAQUITH  
who died  
June 1, 1816,  
Æt. 65.

*Dear friends remember  
Dust thou art, and unto  
Dust shalt thou return.*

[*Urn and Willow Tree.*]

*In memory of*  
JOSEPH ROCKWOOD,  
*who died*  
June 9, 1816,  
Æt. 72.

The son of ELISHA and ELIZABETH ROCKWOOD, born June 13, 1744; he married, January 30, 1766, SARAH RICHARDSON.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

Miss  
Prudence Dunsmoor  
died June 22  
1816  
Æt. 38.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED  
In memory of  
WILLIAM S.  
PARK,  
*son of Mr. John Park &  
Mrs. Lydia his wife*  
who died  
Augt. 20, 1816;  
Æt. 20.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*][*Urn.*]

SACRED  
to the memory of  
JEAN DAY  
*wife of*  
*Moses Day*  
who died  
Oct. 14, 1816,  
Æt. 48.

[*Urn.*][*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED  
in memory of  
MRS. JANE TARBELL,  
*wife of*  
*Major Abell Tarbell,*  
who died  
Oct. 29, 1816,  
Æt. 36.

Her maiden name was HARKNESS, and she was from Lunenburg.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MISS ESTHER EDES  
who died  
Novr. 11. 1816.  
Æt. 52.

The daughter of ISAIAH and AGNES (SCREECH) EDES, baptized  
December 16, 1764, at Charlestown.

1817

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of

MR.

JOSEPH ALLEN,

who died

Jan. 24, 1817:

Æt. 80.

[*Willow Tree.*]

JOHN O. WILLIAMS

*Son of**Mr. Lewis & Mrs.**Abigail Williams,*

died Febr. 28, 1817;

Æt. 9 months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*][*Urn.*]

IN

[*Urn.*]

memory of

MR.

STEPHEN MUNROE

who died

Sept. 16, 1817.

Æt. 66.

*Farewell my partner, children, all,**For we a while must part;**But soon shall meet upon that shore,**Where we shall meet to part no more.*[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MOSES AMES

*son of**Mr. George &**Mrs. Femina**G. Gillmore.**died*

Sept. 20, 1817,

aged 1 Yr.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MRS. BETSY LAWRENCE,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Joel Lawrence,*  
who died  
Nov. 26, 1817.  
Æt. 52.

Her maiden name was STEDMAN, and she was Mr. LAWRENCE'S second wife.

1818

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ERECTED  
in memory of  
LIEU. SAMUEL HEMENWAY  
who died  
March 15, 1818.  
Æt. 70.

*Death is a debt to all nature due*  
*I have pay'd the debt and so must you.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MR.  
AMOS STONE JR.  
who died  
May 27, 1818,  
Æt. 42.

The son of AMOS and MOLLY (MOORS) STONE, born September 21, 1776.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MRS. MARY,  
*wife of Mr. Joseph Allen,*  
who died  
Nov. 3, 1818:  
Æt. 72.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.**Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
 MR JACOB PATCH  
 who died Dec. 22,  
 1818. *Æt.* 72.  
 Also MRS. MARY,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Jacob Patch,*  
 died Aug. 27, 1828.  
*Æt.* 85.

The son of EBENEZER and SARAH PATCH, born April 5, 1747 ;  
 his wife was the daughter of BENJAMIN and BETTY (NUTTING)  
 HAZEN, born April 28, 1743. They were married January 9, 1772.

1819

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*][*Urn.*]

SACRED  
 to the memory of  
 CAP. JOB SHATTUCK  
 who died  
 Jan. 13. 1819.  
*Æt.* 84.

[*Urn.*]

The son of WILLIAM and MARGARET (LUND) SHATTUCK, born  
 February 11, 1735-6. He was a noted leader in the insurrection  
 of 1786,—known as the Shays's Rebellion,—and was afterward  
 tried for high treason, convicted, and sentenced to be hanged,  
 but was subsequently pardoned.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED

TO

the memory of  
 BENJAMIN RICHARDSON,  
*son of*  
 MR. *Alpheus Richardson,*  
 & *Mrs. Phebe his wife*  
 who died  
 June, 11, 1819,  
 Aged 20 years.

*He liv'd belov'd and died lamented.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In Memory of  
MR.  
SAMUEL BENNETT,  
who died  
Aug. 29, 1819,  
Æt. 25.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In  
memory of  
MRS. PRUDENCE SHATTUCK  
*Consort of Capt. Ezekiel*  
*Shattuck*, Obt. Sept. 2,  
1819, Æt. 49.

*With grace and piety her days were crown'd*  
*With lustre bright her virtue shine around*  
*Reader could ashes speak they'd loudly cry*  
*Make God your friend and so prepare to die.*

The daughter of LEVI BLOOD, born October 30, 1770; she was married September 25, 1788.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
*Memory of*  
MRS. MARY PARKER,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Josias Parker,*  
*who died*  
Sept. 25, 1819;  
Æt. 41.

*Our hearts are fasten'd to this world,*  
*By strong and endless ties;*  
*But every sorrow cuts a string,*  
*And urges us to rise.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MRS. ELIZABETH BLOOD,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Caleb Blood*  
who died Dec. 9, 1819;  
Æt. 70:

*Why do we mourn departing friends,  
Or shake at death's alarm;  
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,  
To call them to his arms.*

The daughter of Deacon ISAAC and ANNA (GREEN) FARNSWORTH, born March 24, 1750; she was married March 3, 1774.

1820

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

GEORGE  
KORTLANDT,  
*Son of Mr. Aaron &*  
*Mrs. Sally Lewis,*  
died Jan. 16, 1820  
Æt. 4 ys. & 6 ms.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED  
TO  
the memory of  
William,  
*son of*  
*Mr. Alpheus &*  
*Mrs. Phebe Richardson,*  
who died  
Aug. 3, 1820;  
Æt. 17.

*This mortal must put on immortality.*



[*Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.*]

THOMAS TROWBRIDGE

died Sept. 22, 1820,

Æt. 85 yrs. 11 mos.

RUTH

his wife

died Aug. 8, 1836,

Æt. 86 yrs.

The son of the Reverend CALEB and HANNAH (WALTER) TROWBRIDGE, born November 12, 1734. RUTH was his second wife, and her maiden name was NEVERS.

1821

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

G

[*Spade. Plumb. Level. Square and Compass. Mallet. Rule. Trowel.*]

SACRED

To

the memory of

MR. ALPHEUS RICHARDSON,

who died

Jan. 20. 1821 ;

Æt. 47.

*Forgive blest shade, the tributary tear,  
That mourns thy exit from a world <sup>like this;</sup>  
Forgive the wish that would have kept thee <sup>here,</sup>  
And stayed thy progress to the seats of bliss.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of

HARIOT NEWELL

Daughter of William &

Betsy Farnsworth,

who died

July 28, 1821 ;

Æt. 3 yrs. 9 mo.

*This lovely bud so young and fair,  
Cal'd hence by early doom :  
Just come<sup>o</sup> show how sweet a flower,  
In paradise would bloom.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

memory of

MRS. ZERVIAH PRESTON,

who died

Aug. 6. 1821.

Æt. 53.

*Can reason's dictates be obey'd,  
So weak alas ! her strongest aid ;  
O, let religion then be nigh,  
Her consolations never die.*

[*Willow Tree.*]

In memory of

REBECCA,

*Daur. of Mr. Joseph &.*

*Mrs. Rebecca Hemenway*

who died

Octr. 2, 1821 ;

Æt. 16 months.

[*Willow Tree.*]

Jane Nutting

*Daughter of*

*Cap. Joseph D. &*

*Mrs. Lucinda Nutting*

died Oct. 11, 1821,

Aged 3 months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

memory of

FANNY,

*Daur. of Mr. Joseph &.*

*Mrs. Rebecca Hemenway,*

who died

Nov. 5, 1821 :

Æt. 5 years.

[*Willow Tree.*]

In memory of  
MRS. SUSANNA PATCH  
    *wife of*  
    *Mr. Zara Patch,*  
    *and Daughter of*  
    *William Nutting Esq.*  
    who died  
Dec. 10, 1821 ;  
    Æt. 40.

[*Willow Tree.*]

JOHN B.  
    *Son of*  
    *Mr. John and*  
    *Mrs. Martha Smith.*  
    died Dec. 11, 1821,  
    Æt. 9 y. & 10 m.  
*He liv'd belov'd & died lamented.*

1822

[*North Side.*]

[A MONUMENT.]

EPHRAIM NUTTING  
DIED MAR. 18, 1822  
    AGED 57  
    MARY  
    WIFE OF  
    EPHRAIM NUTTING  
DIED JULY 28, 1859  
    AGED 88  
    ASA NUTTING  
DIED FEB. 27, 1830  
    AGED 31  
NUTTING

[*West Side.*]

LUTHER NUTTING  
DIED AUG. 25, 1849  
AGED 42  
NATHAN K. MOORE  
DIED OCT. 3. 1860.  
AGED 65  
CHARLOTTE P.  
WIFE OF  
NATHAN K. MOORE  
DIED MAR. 20. 1862  
AGED 69

[*East Side.*]

PETER BOWEN  
DIED MAY 5, 1836  
AGED 45  
SYLVIA T.  
WIFE OF  
PETER BOWEN  
DIED MAR. 1. 1842  
AGED 50  
AVERY E. NUTTING  
DIED FEB. 19. 1849  
AGED 15 Months

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED

to

the memory of

CHARLES.

*Son of Mr. Alpheus*

*Richardson &,*

*Mrs. Phoebe his wife*

died May 25, 1822 ;

*Æt.* 19 yr. 6 mo.

*Down to the dead all must descend*

*And saints of God must die ;*

*While angels guard their<sup>iv</sup> souls to rest*

*In dust their bodies lie.*

Abel Sawtell Groton [fecit.]

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

G

[*Spade, Level, and Plumb. Square and Compass. Mallet, Rule, and Trowel.*]

IN

Memory of

CAP. JOHN WILLIAMS

who died

July 1, 1822 ;

Æt. 76.

The son of JOHN, Jr., and ELIZABETH (CUTTER) WILLIAMS,  
born July 4, 1746.

[*Willow Tree.*]

IN

memory of

ALMIRA,

*daugh. of Cap. Thomas*

*& Mrs. Milly Blood,*

who died

Aug. 19, 1822.

Æt. 5 yr. 10 mo.

*There is beyond the skies,*

*A heaven of joy and love,*

*And all good children when the*

*Go to that world above. (die,*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

Memory of

MR. DAVID GREEN

Born at Groton, March 10.

1741. Died at Mason N. H.

Nov. 10. 1822.

Æt. 81.

*Stop, Friend and read as you pass by ;*

*As you are now, so once was I ;*

*As I am now, so you must be ;*

*Prepare for Death, and follow me.*

The son of JONATHAN and SARAH (LAKIN) GREEN.

1823

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of

DOCT.

SAMUEL HEMENWAY,

*Son of Lieut. Samuel Hemenway*

who died

Jan. 8, 1823 ;

Æt. 45.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED

to the

memory of

MRS. PHEBE RICHARDSON,

*Consort of**Alpheus Richardson Esq.*

who died April 28. 1823.

Æt. 46.

*Death is a debt, to nature due,  
I've paid the debt, and so must you.*

In memory of

JOHN BRIGHT,

who died

May 31, 1823,

Æt. 71.

*The days of our years are three score years and ten ;  
and if by reason of strength they be four score years,  
yet is their strength labour and sorrow ; for it is  
soon cut off, and we pass away.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS.

ANN BATES,  
*wife of Stephen Bates Esq.*  
 who died at *Dunstable N. H.*  
 Nov. 10, 1823,  
 aged 22.

*Death with his dart has pierc'd my heart,  
 When I was in my prime ;  
 When this you see grieve not for me,  
 'Twas God's appointed time.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

memory of  
 MRS. HEPZIBATH BALL,  
 who died Nov. 14, 1823 ;  
 Æ. 73.

*She was many years the wife of  
 Mr. Benjamin Faquith & about  
 3 months the wife of Eleazer  
 Ball Esq.*

The daughter of JOSEPH, Jr., and HANNAH (BLOOD) BLOOD,  
 born April 8, 1751.

1824

[*Willow Tree.*]

In memory of two  
*Daughters of Mr. Luke  
 and Mrs.*

*Sarah Farnsworth,*  
 Susanna Augusta,  
 born Oct. 29, 1816,  
 died Jan. 12, 1824.  
 Mary born Oct. 2, 1818,  
 died Jan. 15, 1824.

[*Willow Tree.*]  
 EBENEZER,  
*Son of*  
*Lieut. Ebenezer and*  
*Mrs. Susan D. Hopkins,*  
 died Jan. 14, 1824 ;  
 Æt. 5 years.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]  
*In memory of*  
 MRS. REBEKAH,  
*wife of Mr. Jonas Stone,*  
 who died  
 Jan. 27, 1824,  
 Æt. 82.

1825

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]  
 ABI  
 STIMSON  
*formerly wife of Capt.*  
*Jephthah Richardson*  
*of Groton, since, wife of*  
*Jeremy Stimson Esq.*  
*late of Hopkinton deceased.*  
 died May 17, 1825.  
 Æt. 68.

*Detraction ! approach not thou this Hal-*  
*She was a meek, humble, professing*  
*[loved spot.*
*[Christian.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]  
*In memory of*  
 MRS.  
 EUNICE NUTTING,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Abijah Nutting,*  
 who died  
 June 2, 1825 ;  
 Æt. 49.



[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED  
To the  
memory of  
MR. FREDERICK  
AUGUSTUS RICHARDSON,  
*Son of Mr. Alpheus &  
Mrs. Phebe Richardson,*  
who died June 4, 1825 ;  
Æt. 19 years.

*As Jesus died and rose again,  
Victorious from the dead ;  
So his disciples rise and reign,  
With their triumphant head.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
SALMON,  
*Son of Mr. Abijah &  
Mrs. Eunice Nutting,*  
who died  
June 7, 1825,  
Æt. 17.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN  
memory of  
MRS. RUTH AMES,  
*widow of  
Mr. Robert Ames, Jr.*  
who died  
July 3, 1825 ;  
Æt. 68.

[Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.]

In memory of  
two Daughters of  
MR. LUKE & MRS.  
SARAH FARNSWORTH,  
SARAH, born Nov. 3, 1822 ;  
died Sept 6, 1825.  
MARY SUSANNA  
AUGUSTA, born Febr.  
20, 1825 ;  
died Sept. 16, 1825.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

**SACRED**

*To the memory of*  
MRS. LYDIA,  
*wife of*  
*Dea. Timothy Stone,*  
who died  
Sept. 24, 1825,  
Æt. 52 years.  
*Forgive, blest shade, the tributary [tear],*  
*That mourns thy exit from a world like this ;*  
*Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here*  
*And stayed thy progress to the seats of bliss.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

**SACRED**

To the  
memory of  
MISS CAROLINE  
*Daughter of the late*  
*Mr. Alpheus and*  
*Mrs. Phebe Richardson*  
who died Oct. 5, 1825 ;  
Æt. 16.  
*What though once we perish'd all,*  
*Partners of our parents fall ;*  
*Second life we shall receive,*  
*And in Christ forever live.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. PRUDENCE

*wife of*

*Mr. Joseph Abbott,*

died

*Oct. 25, 1825.*

*Æt. 47.*

*As I am now so you must be,  
Prepare for death and follow me.*

1826

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of

MRS.

SARAH HEMENWAY,

*Widow of*

*Lieut. Samuel Hemenway,*

who died

*April 15, 1826,*

*Æt. 71.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

Memory of

MRS. MARY,

*wife of Mr. John Burgess,*

who died

*April 21, 1826,*

*Æt. 55.*

*Through every scene of life and death,  
HIS promise was my trust;  
And may this be my children's song,  
Now I am in the dust.*

Her maiden name was REED; she was married August 31, 1803.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MRS. JANE  
*wife of Lieut Jonas Farnsworth,*  
who died  
May 20, 1826 ;  
Æt. 73.

*She was an exemplary member of the Church  
about 50 years.*

*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt  
be saved."*

[*Willow Tree.*]

WM. HENRY,  
*Son of Mr. William  
and Mrs. Sally Smart*  
died  
Aug. 2, 1826,  
Æt. 18 mo.

*Our little Son from us is gone,  
And why should we his loss bemoan<sup>n</sup>.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MRS. PHEBE SHEPLE  
*Wife of*  
*Mr. Wilder Sheple,*  
who died  
Aug. 27. 1826.  
Æt. 62.

*My Flesh shall slumber in the ground  
Till the last trumpets sound  
Then burst my chains with sweet surprise  
And in my Saviours image rise.*

[Willow Tree.]

GEORGE C.

Son of Mr. Isaac &

Mrs. Anna Bullard,

died Dec. 24, 1826 ;

Æt. 4 ys.

*Here lovely child thy dear remain  
Enjoy a quiet sweet repose,  
Whilst thy blest soul in angel strains,  
Chants for thy song no mortal knows.*

1827

[Willow Tree.]

In memory of

MR.

ZARA PATCH,

who died

Jan. 9, 1827,

Æt. 43.

The son of JACOB and MARY (HAZEN) PATCH ; he married  
SUSANNA, daughter of WILLIAM NUTTING.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

MRS. ANNA

wife of

Mr. Isaac Bullard,

died

Feb. 22, 1827,

Æt. 31.

*When I lie buried deep in dust,  
My flesh shall be thy care, —  
My with'ring limbs with thee I trust,  
To raise them strong and fair.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of

MR.

TIMOTHY STONE JR

who died

March 19, 1827,

Æt. 42.

EMELY, *Daughter of*  
*Timothy & Mary Stone,*  
died March 13, 1819,  
Æt. 23 months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of

MR. JOB SHATTUCK,

who died

May 4. 1827 :

Æt. 68.

The son of JOB and SARAH (HARTWELL) SHATTUCK, born December 10, 1758 ; he enlisted in the Continental Army in the year 1780.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In Memory of

MR. JOEL LAWRENCE,

who died

May 26, 1827,

Æt. 60.

• *Blessed are the dead, who die in  
the Lord.*

The son of JONATHAN and ESTHER (SHED) LAWRENCE, born July 21, 1767 ; he married, first, RUTH, daughter of JONATHAN COLLIER, of Groton ; secondly, BETSEV STEDMAN, and, thirdly, ISABELLA WILLARD, of Langdon, New Hampshire.

[Urn. Willow Tree. Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.]

In Memory of

MR. JOSHUA DAVIS.

who died

July 5, 1827 ; Æt. 79.

ALSO MRS. SIBEL,

*his wife*

died Jan. 12, 1799 ; Æt. 25.

AND MRS. BETSY

*his wife*

*sister of his former wife*

died Aug. 27, 1818 ; Æt. 42.

*Thrice happy shades now freed from cares*

*Our mortal frames at rest ;*

*Secure from pain and grief and fears,*

*With kindred souls we are blest.*

1828

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

SACRED

to the memory of

CAP.

NATHAN BROWN,

who died

Jan. 9, 1828,

Æt. 83 ys. & 8 ms.

*" All the days of my appointed  
time did I wait, till my change  
came. "*

[Willow Tree.]

MOSES A

*Son of Mr. Moses &*

*Mrs. Keziah Gill,*

died Feb. 28, 1828 :

Æt. 7. weeks.

*Farewell sweet babe we part in pain,*

*No more on earth to meet again ;*

*We soon shall meet on that blest shore,*

*Where parting hours are known no more.*

[*Urn.*      *Willow Tree.*      *Urn.*]

LYMAN FLETCHER  
died Oct. 24, 1828,  
Aged 55.  
ABIGAIL,  
*wife of Lyman Fletcher*  
died Nov. 2, 1849,  
Aged 69.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
JAMES LEWIS Esq.  
who died  
Dec. 24, 1828,  
Æt. 67.

The son of JAMES and REBECCA (BROWN) LEWIS, born January 26, 1761, at Billerica; he married, December 19, 1782, LUCY CROSBY, and removed, May 24, 1796, to Groton, where he lived with his father.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MRS. LUCY,  
*wife of James Lewis Esq.*  
who died  
Dec. 30, 1828,  
Æt. 63.

The daughter of HEZEKIAH CROSBY, of Billerica; she was born November 10, 1765.



1829

{*Urn.*      *Willow Tree.*      *Urn.*}

In memory of  
 MR. SALMON  
 LAWRENCE JR.  
 who died  
 Jan. 17. 1829.  
 Æt. 40 yrs,  
 Also  
 MRS. SALLY  
 his wife died  
 March 23. 1818.  
 Æt. 39 yrs.

{*Willow Tree and Urn.*}

IN  
 Memory of  
 MR. JOHN BURGESS,  
 who died  
 March 19, 1829,  
 Æt. 77.

*Farewell dear friends, and children too,  
 For Christ has call'd me home :  
 In a short time he'll call for you,  
 Prepare yourselves to come.*

{*Willow Tree and Urn.*}

In memory of  
 MR.  
 BRADLEY HOPKINS,  
 who died  
 June 24, 1829 ;  
 Æt. 27.

*Consoling thought ! dear parent dry your tears,  
 Your son has gone beyond your anxious fears ;  
 Weep not for him, his tears are wip'd away,  
 He's paid that debt, we all must shortly pay.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

Memory of

MRS. HANNAH,

*wife of Mr. John Tarbell,*

who died Aug. 6, 1829,

Æt. 93 years &

8 months.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

Memory of

MR

SALMON LAWRENCE,

who died

Sep. 23, 1829,

Æt. 64.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

IN

Memory of

MRS. MARY,

*wife of Mr. Richard Sawtell*

who died

Sept. 26, 1829,

Æt. 79.

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1830

NOAH SHATTUCK'S

Tomb Erected 1830.

*A narrative of HIS progenitors  
who hath lived and died in Groton.*HIS, G't grand Fa. WM. SHATTUCK,  
*from Europe as early as 1689: D. 1730.*HIS, grand Fa. WM. SHATTUCK 2d.  
*born 1692: D. 1758.*MARGARET, *his wife, m'dn n'm Lunn, D. 1764.*HIS, Fa. JOB SHATTUCK, 5<sup>th</sup> Son of WM.  
SHATTUCK 2d. *born 1736: D. 1819.*SARAH, *his wife, m'dn n'm Hartwell,*  
*born 1738: D. 1798.*

NOAH SHATTUCK DIED

*Sept. 28, 1858. Aged 86 y'rs.*ANNA, *his wife, died*  
*April 15, 1863. Aged 85 y'rs.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of

MRS. LUCY,

*wife of Mr. Asa Lawrence,*  
who died

June 19, 1830:

Æt. 49.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

IN

Memory of

MRS. SARAH,

*widow of Mr. Abel Bancroft,*  
who died

July 8, 1830.

Æt. 77.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of  
MR. GEORGE W.  
*son of Doct. Samuel Hemenway*  
who died  
Sept. 5, 1830;  
Æt. 23.  
*Be honest, be just, and fear not.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

MISS MARY ANN  
*Daughter of Mr.*  
*Joseph & Mrs.*  
*Prudence Abbott,*  
died Oct. 10,  
1830. Æt. 18.  
*Farewell dear brothers young and old*  
*Farewell dear sisters too,*  
*My cheeks are pale my hands are cold,*  
*And I must bid you all adieu.*

1831

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

IN  
Memory of  
LT.  
PELATIAH RUSSELL,  
who died  
Jan. 21, 1831,  
Æt. 77.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of  
CAPT. THOMAS  
FARNESWORTH  
who died  
May 1, 1831.  
Æt. 43.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

SACRED

to the memory of

BENJAMIN W. RICHARDSON,

who died

Sept. 19, 1831.

Æt. 11 ys. & 8 ds.

*This lovely bud, so young and fair.*

*Call'd hence by early doom ;*

*Just come to show, how sweet a flower*

*In Paradise could bloom.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

*In memory of*

MRS. RUTH,

*wife of*

*Lieut. Elnathan Sawtell,*

who died Dec. 16,

1831, Æt. 68 ys.

& 6 ms.

*Sudden she was call'd to go,*

*And bid adieu to all below ;*

*Sudden the vital spirit fled,*

*And she was number'd with the dead.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

*In memory of*

WILLIAM NUTTING ESQ

who died

April 18, 1832.

Æt. 80.

*Ye fields that witnessed once his tears, \**

*Ye winds that wafted oft his praise ;*

*That river where he breath'd his prayers,*

*No more shall hear his cheerful lays,*

*Through Christ his sins are all forgiven,*

*His praises now are sung in heaven.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MRS. SALLY,  
*wife of Mr. Aaron Lewis,*  
who died  
April 19, 1832.  
Æt. 43.

The daughter of OLIVER and ABIGAIL SPAULDING, born October 25, 1792.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*In memory of*  
MISS SARAH Y.  
*daughter of Mr. Joel &*  
*Mrs. Betsy Davis, who*  
*died May 27, 1832,*  
Æt. 20.

*Death with his dart has pierc'd my heart,  
When I was in my prime ;  
When this you see grieve not for me,  
'T was God's appointed time.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*                      *Urn and Willow Tree.*]

MR. WILLIAM  
BANCROFT  
died  
May 28, 1832,  
Æt. 76.  
MRS. AGNESS,  
*his wife,* died  
July 30, 1832,  
Æt. 76.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
CAPT.  
AARON BROWN,  
who died  
Aug. 19, 1832.  
Æt. 44.

*Friends nor physicians could not save  
This mortal Body from thee grave.*

The son of NATHAN and SARAH (SOMES) BROWN, born September 21, 1788, at Wenham; married, June 6, 1811, SARAH PIERCE, of Groton.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MR.  
LUTHER BLOOD,  
who died  
Sept. 8, 1832,  
Æt. 47.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*In memory of*  
MRS. MIMA,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Levi Burgess,*  
who died  
Dec. 22, 1832;  
Æt. 55.

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1833

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

DOCTOR

BENJAMIN

MORSE,

died May 21, 1833,

Æt. 93.

MRS. MARY

*his wife*, died

Dec 16. 1835.

Æt. 94.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]*In memory of*

MRS. MILLY,

*wife of Capt. Thomas Blood,*

who died

June 4, 1833,

Æt. 54.

*Farewell dear partner children all,  
 I now must go my Jesus calls ;  
 With patience wait prepared be,  
 In a short time you'll follow me.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]*In memory of*

CAPT. SAMSON

FARNSWORTH.

who died

July 1. 1833.

Æt. 88.

*No age from death can fly,  
 No friends but what must part;  
 Death will dissolve the tenderest tie,  
 That's formed within the heart.*



[Willow Tree and Urn.]

SAMUEL P.

Son of Mr.

Reuben & Mrs.

Mary Hartwell,

died Sep. 18,

1833. Æt. 3 ys.

7 ms. & 3 ds.

*Wean us O Lord from things below,  
And raise our minds above ;  
Thy heavenly treasures to us show,  
And fill us with thy love.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of

MR.

ARTEMAS HEMENWAY,

who died

Oct. 5, 1833,

Æt. 37.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of

MR.

BENJAMIN F.

SAWTELL,

who died

Nov. 2, 1833 ;

Æt. 33.

*Dear companion, thou hast left us,  
And thy loss we deeply feel ;  
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.*

FREDERICK ALONZO

SIMONDS,

Son of

Hiram & Mary Gale,

died Nov. 23, 1833 ;

Aged 9 months.

*This lovely plant so young & fair  
Call'd hence by early doom  
Just come to show <sup>how</sup> sweet a flower  
In Paradise would bloom.*

1834

[North Side.]

[A MONUMENT.]

*Man lives his little hour and  
Falls, too oft unheeded down.*

SACRED

to the Memory of

CAPT. ABRAM CHILD

who was born at Waltham, 1741, and died  
at Groton, Jan. 3, 1834, Aged 93 yrs.

He entered the army in the  
French War, at the age of 17 yrs.  
Was with Gen. Amherst at the capture of  
Ticonderoga and Crown Point, in 1759.

He was a Lieutenant among the  
Minute Men, and aided in the Concord Fight,  
and the Battle of Bunker Hill, in 1775.

Joining Washington,  
he was one of the Immortal Band  
which crossed the Delaware, Dec. 25, 1776,  
and turned the tide of war, in the Victories  
of Trenton, and Princeton.

Detached to the North,  
he fought in the two Battles of Stillwater,  
and witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne, in 1777.

Rejoining Washington,  
he bore equally the Frosts of Valley Forge,  
and the Heats of Monmouth, in 1778.

Detailed with Gen. Wayne,  
he crowned his Military career,  
by heading the Infantry as oldest Captain  
in the gallant capture of Stoney Point, in 1779,  
where he received the only wound that  
marked his eventful services.

REBECCA STOWELL,

his wife died Nov. 1830, Æt. 84.

[*South Side.*]

SACRED  
to the Memories of  
JOSHUA BENTLEY  
of Boston, who died at Groton, Apr. 15, 1819,  
Æ. 95 yrs.

And of his wife  
ELIZABETH PAINE,  
who died at Boston, Oct. 1804, Æ. 66.

Also in Memory of  
DAVID CHILD  
who died Oct. 1838, Æ. 71.

And of his wife  
Mrs. SUSANNA WOOLLEY,  
who died July 26, 1851, Æ. 77.

And of their Daughter  
MARY PAINE CHILD,  
who died Aug. 29, 1825, Æ. 18.

Also in Memory of  
WILLIAM CHILD  
who died June 17, 1844, Æ. 73.

And of his wives  
REBECCA CLARK,  
who died Mar. 24, 1820, Æ. 52.

DORCAS THORNING,  
died Sept. 12, 1870,  
Æ. 78.

[*East Side.*]

*Mrs. Nancy  
Tuttle,  
died Mar.  
3, 1873,  
Æ. 78 yrs.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS.  
PHEBE CROUCH  
died  
Feb. 7, 1834,  
*Aged 74 yrs.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*In memory of*  
MRS. ANNA,  
*wife of Mr. Samuel Rockwood*  
who died  
May 3, 1834.  
*Æt. 54.*

The daughter of ABNER and ABIGAIL HOUGHTON ; she was born April 4, 1781, at Winchester, New Hampshire.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*In memory of*  
MR.  
WILLIAM BURGES,  
who died  
June 11, 1834,  
*Æt. 38.*

*Farewell my Partner, Children dear ;  
Weep not for me, dry up your tears ;  
And when the last loud trump shall sound,  
I hope in Christ we shall be found.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*In memory of*  
MRS. MARY,  
*wife of*  
*William Nutting Esq.*  
who died  
June 16, 1834 :  
*Æt. 76.*

*Calm was her life,  
and her end was peace.*

[Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.]

MR.  
JOHN LAWRENCE,<sup>d</sup>  
died

July 9, 1834,  
Æt. 59.

MRS. MARGARET,  
his wife,  
died

May 20, 1845,  
Æt. 67.

[Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.]

In memory of  
MR.

JEDUTHUN STANLEY,  
who died Aug : 18,  
1834. Æt. 86.

Also MRS. DORCAS,  
his wife, died  
April 29, 1834,  
Æt. 87.

*Sleep on dear parents, thy rest is sweet,  
Thy pain is o'er, thy bliss complete ;  
Each soul is wash'd in Jesus' blood,  
Shall dwell forever with their God.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of  
MR. JOHN  
JOHNSON,  
who died

Aug. 21, 1834,  
Æt. 72.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

REBECCA,  
Wife of  
JOHN BOIT, died  
Aug. 23, 1834,  
Æt. 52.  
*William Son of John*  
*& Rebecca Boit,*  
died Dec. 12, 1844,  
Æt. 25 yrs.

*Though loved, and lost, to weep were vain,*  
*For thee who ne'er shall weep again.*  
*L. Parker [fecit.]*

[*Willow Tree.*]

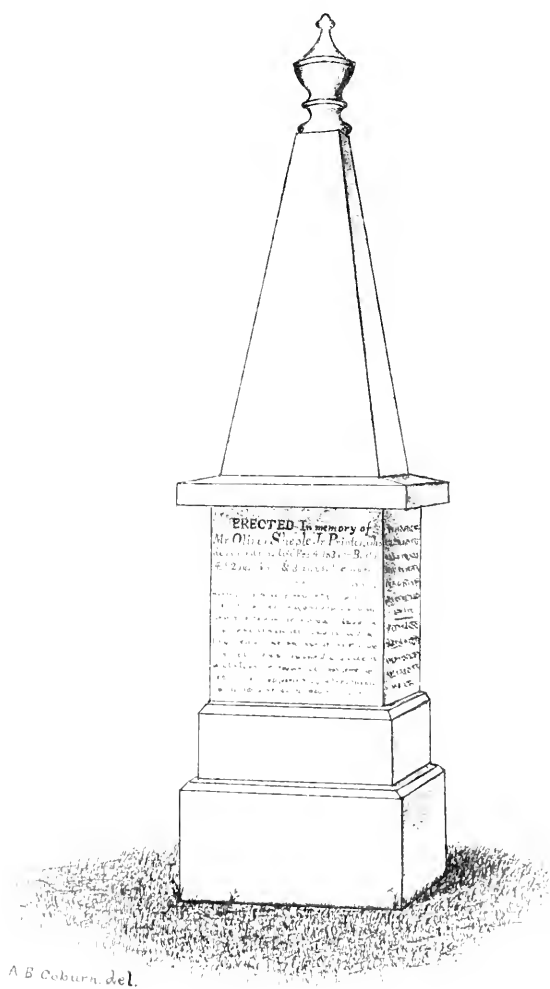
BENJAMIN S.  
*son of Solomon &*  
*Dorcas Frost,*  
*died*  
*Sept. 5, 1834.*  
*Æt. 4 weeks.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MR.  
JEREMIAH HEMENWAY,  
who died  
Nov. 16, 1834,  
Æt. 52.

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THE SHEPLE MONUMENT.



1835

[West Side.]

[Urn.]

[A MONUMENT.]

ERECTED. *In memory of*

*Mr. Oliver Sheple Jr. Printer, who departed this life Feb. 4, 1835, in the city of Boston Æt 25 ys. 5 mo. & 3 days. he had Just Commenced publishing in Boston a religious newspaper (the Christian witness) When it pleased God in his wise Providence to take him from us, he was born in west Florida now the State of Mississippi, Sept. 1, A. D. 1809. he left there and came to Groton, A. D. 1815. Pious young men and Reflect, here rests the body of a young man cut off in the morning of life whose prospects was good. Surrounded by friends, and beloved and esteemed for his high sense of honour and rectitude in all his dealings with his fellow men, his gentle, manly deportment and urbanity, of manners endeared him to all who knew him; he was a lover and follower of the Saviour of the world and he died calling upon the name of the Lord. he has left a fond Father and brother to lament his early departure and much occasion have they to mourn the loss.*

[South Side.]

SACRED

*To the Memory of*

*Mrs. Hannah, wife of David Phelps M D of Connecticut who died June 1, 1833 æt. 72. & whose body lies on this side of this Monument, she was mother in law to Oliver Sheple Esq. & grandmother to Oliver Sheple Jr. & Franklin & Washington Sheple, A. D. 1810, her Father Mr. Ithamar Andrews. died in west Florida now the State of Mississippi, æt. 84, in the same place, A. D. 1811, her mother Mrs. Hannah Andrews, died æt. 72. A. D. 1812, her dau<sup>t</sup>. Rosalinde Phelps. died æt. 26. who are buried in said State.*

[North Side.]

*Built by J. Fitch, Groton 1835.*

SACRED

*To the memory of*

*Mrs. Atalanta, Consort of*

*Oliver Sheple Esq. who departed this  
life and is buried in west Florida now the  
State of Mississippi, Sept. 20, 1814. act. 22.. yrs  
7 ms. & 16 days. and also in said place  
Franklin Sheple, son of said Oliver and  
Atalanta his wife, died July 30, 1814, act. 3 yrs.  
4 mo. & 10 days.*

[East Side.]

*Genealogy of the Sheples from 1630 to 1835*

*205 years.*

*Genealogy of the Sheple or Shepleys: John Sheple,  
Settled in Salem Mass. A. D. 1630. A. D. 1660. One  
of the family Settled in Groton. A. D. 1676. the Indi-  
ans massacred all the Sheples in Groton save a John  
Sheple 16 years old who the carried captive to Can-  
ada and kept him 4 years. after which he return-  
ed to Groton and from him descended all the Sh-  
ples or Shepleys in this Vicinity, said Capt.  
John Sheple married Lydia Lakin, and he  
had by her 4 sons & 1 dau<sup>t</sup> his son Joseph Shep-  
le Esq. married Eunice Parker, and he had by  
her 4 sons & 3 dau<sup>t</sup>. She died aug. 1767. act.  
42 yrs. He died Oct. 16. 1795. act. 74. years. Mr  
Wilder Sheple, son of Joseph, married Phebe  
Fletcher, and had by her 4 sons & 1 dau<sup>t</sup> he  
died apr. 2, 1814 act. 60. she died aug. 27, 1826.  
act. 62. Oliver Sheple Esq. son of Wilder, was born aug.  
7, 1786. and married nov. 24, A. D. 1808. to Atalanta  
Phelps, dau<sup>t</sup> of Doct. David Phelps Connec<sup>t</sup> she was bo-  
rn Feb. 4, 1792. and he had by her 3 sons viz Oliver  
Franklin & Washington, She died Sept. 20, 1814. ac<sup>t</sup>  
22 yrs. 7 ms. & 16 ds. Oliver Sheple Jr. born Sept. 1, 1809  
died Feb. 4, A. D. 1835. act. 25 yrs. 5 ms. & 3 ds. Franklin She-  
ple born march 20 A. D. 1811, died July 30, 1814. act. 3 yrs.  
4 ms. & 10 ds. Washington Sheple, born Sept. 9, 1813.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

MRS. LUCY,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Asa Lewis,*  
 DIED  
 Sept. 29, 1835,  
 Æt. 58.

*Our life how short ! again a sigh ;  
 We live and then begin to die :  
 But oh ! how great a mercy this,  
 That death's a portal into bliss !  
 My soul ! death swallows up thy fears,  
 My grave clothes wipe away all tears ;  
 Why should we fear this parting pain,  
 Who die, that we may live again.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

LEVI HENRY,  
*Son of*  
*Robert & Deborah*  
 MELLEN, died  
 Sep. 29, 1835,  
 Æt. 20 mons.

*O yes dear child I fondly lov'd thee,  
 And on the, will my memory dwell ;  
 Shall I never more behold thee,  
 Must I, Oh ! must I say farewell.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of  
 CAPT.  
 THOMAS BLOOD,  
 who died  
 Oct. 13, 1835 ;  
 Æt. 59.

*Canst thou by faith, survey with joy ;  
 The change before it comes !  
 And say, " let death this house destroy,  
 I have a heavenly home."*

[*Monument.*      *Willow Tree and Urn.*      *Monument.*]

LYDIA,  
*Wife of*  
 NATHAN AMES,  
 DIED  
 Oct. 21, 1835,  
 Æt. 71

SALLY  
 wife of  
 Luther Hartwell,  
 died  
 Oct. 21, 1835.  
 Æ. 42.

1836

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
 MRS. MARY.  
*wife of*  
*Mr. John Shepley*  
 who died  
 April 27, 1836 :  
 Æt. 88.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
 Mrs. SUSAN,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. John Johnson,*  
 who died  
 Aug. 12, 1836,  
 Æt. 69.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*In memory of*

LIEUT.

ELNATHAN SAWTELL,

who died

Aug. 31. 1836,

Æt. 83.

*Dry up your tears surviving friends,  
Weep not for me but for your sins ;  
Die to the world live unto God,  
The grave will soon be your abode.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SACRED

to the memory of

CAPT.

STEPHEN SHEPLEY,

Oct. 17, 1836,

Aged 45.

He married, April 9. 1818, AMELIA SHATTUCK.

LUTHER DAVIS

DIED

DEC. 24, 1836 ;

AGED 42.

1837

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

*In memory of*

MR. LEVI

BURGESS,

who died

Feb. 24, 1837 ;

Æt. 61.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MR.  
JAMES SHEPLE,  
who died  
Feb. 25, 1837,  
Æt. 86.

*Verses on tomb stones are but idly spent  
The character is the best monument.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

CHARLES HENRY,  
*Son of Henry and  
Nancy Kimball,*  
died March 21, 1837.  
Æt. 4 ys. & 6 ms.

*This lovely bud, so young and fair,  
Called hence by early doom,  
Just come to see how sweet a flower,  
In Paradise would bloom.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SARAH  
*wife of*  
*Amos Bancroft M. D.*  
died  
April 30, 1837,  
Æt. 69.

The daughter of HENRY and FAITH (SAVAGE) BASS, of Boston.

[Willow Tree.]

SARAH FRANCES  
*daughter of David &  
 Sarah G. Colburn,*  
 died

June 27, 1837 ;

Æt. 9 ys. 3 ms.

&amp; 13 ds.

*Friends nor Physicians could not save,  
 This little body from the grave ;  
 Nor can the grave confine it here,  
 When Christ does call it to appear.*

[Willow Tree.]

MARY ABBY,  
*daughter of Henry  
 and Abigail Hill,*  
 died

Aug. 21, 1837,

Æt. 1 yr. &amp; 4 ms.

*Rest, sweet babe, in gentle slum<sup>bers,</sup>  
 Till the resurrection morn :  
 Then arise to join the numbers,  
 Who its triumphs shall adorn.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

In memory of  
 MISS PHEBE ANN  
 RICHARDSON,  
 who died  
 Oct. 5, 1837 ;  
 Æt. 26.

*'Tis religion that can give  
 Sweetest pleasure while we live ;  
 'Tis religion must supply  
 Solid comfort when we die.*

1838

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

WILLIAM H.

died

Mar. 17, 1838,

Æt. 8 ms. &amp; 8 ds.

JOSEPH W.

died

Feb. 27, 1844,

Æt. 22 months.

*Sons of George &**Jerusha Hunt.*

*These buds of promise left earth's fading flow<sup>ers,</sup>*  
*That they might beautify celestial bowers,*  
*At heaven's glorious gate they've entered in,*  
*Unmark'd by sorrow or unstain'd by sin.*  
*J. Park [fecit.]*

[Willow Tree.]

LAURA JANE,

*daughter of Moses**and Keziah Gill,*

died June 15,

1838, Æt. 18 ms.

*Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade,*  
*Death came with friendly care;*  
*Our little babe to Heaven conveyed,*  
*And bade it dwell forever there.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

MOSES DAY JR.

died

July 30, 1838

Æt. 37.



1839

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ELIZABETH,  
*daughter of Aaron*  
*and Emely Pressey,*  
 died Feb. 12,  
 1839. Æt. 3 ms.  
 & 21 ds.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

WILLIAM W.  
*Son of Warner S.*  
*& Mary F. Lund,*  
*died*  
*March 2, 1839*  
*Æt. 3 ms. & 12 ds.*

[*Monument.*      *Willow Tree and Urn.*      *Monument.*]

DEA.  
 TIMOTHY STONE,  
 died  
 March 10, 1839,  
 Æt. 68.  
*If a man die, shall he live again?*

1840

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MISS  
 SARAH S.  
*daughter of*  
*Capt. Aaron &*  
*Mrs. Sarah Brown,*  
 died  
 April 23, 1840,  
 Æt. 24.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. DORCAS,  
*wife of Capt.*  
*Ebenzer Hopkins,*  
 died  
 Sept. 23, 1840,  
 Æt. 66.

[*Urn and Willow Tree.*]

In memory of  
 SIMEON NUTTING,  
 who died  
 Oct. 10, 1840.  
 Aged 39.

1841

[*Willow Tree and Monument.*]

MILEY, Wife of  
 Abraham SIMONDS,  
 Died Feb. 9, 1841,  
 Aged 59.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MARY ANN,  
*Daughter of Amos*  
*and Sarah Bancroft,*  
 died  
 Feb. 26, 1841,  
 Æt. 31.

[*Monument.*    *Willow Tree.*    *Monument.*]

SARAH,  
*wife of*  
 Reuben Wyman,  
 Died  
 Mar. 29, 1841,  
 Æt. 44.

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[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MR. ABIJAH  
BENNETT,  
died  
July 24, 1841,  
Æt. 55.

*Still he lives ! His form, though perished  
Lives within :  
There, his memory fondly cherished  
E'er hath been.*

MRS. SARAH,  
wife of  
Mr. Shadrach Bardeen,  
Died  
Oct. 18, 1841,  
Æt. 58.

Her maiden name was NUTTING.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

In memory of  
MRS. SARAH J.  
*wife of Mr.*  
*Daniel P. Jewett,*  
who died  
Oct. 20, 1841,  
Æt. 23.

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1842

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. SARAH,  
*wife of Mr.*  
*Thomas R. Pierce,*  
 died  
 March 7, 1842,  
 Æt. 42.  
*Died happy, and gone*  
*to rest.*

The daughter of JOHN and MARY (SHEDD) BURGESS, born December, 28, 1799. Her husband, THOMAS RAINSFORD, was the son of ELIJAH and REBECCA (RAINSFORD) PIERCE, born April 9, 1799; they were married April 1, 1824. ELIJAH was the son of SAMUEL and LUCY (WALLINGSFORD) PIERCE.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MR.  
 JOSEPH SAWTELL  
 died  
 March 21, 1842,  
 Æt. 78.  
*Behold and see, as you pass by,*  
*As you are now, so once was I:*  
*As I am now, so you must be,*  
*Prepare for death and follow me.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

GEORGE W.  
*Son of Levi &*  
*Mima Burgess,*  
 DIED  
 Oct. 23, 1842,  
 Æt. 20  
 Prepare to meet thy God.

## PHINEAS NUTTING

DIED

Nov. 27, 1842,

Aged 73.

[*Willow Tree.*]

JAMES

DEMMORE,

*eldest Child of**James &**Nancy Johnson,**died*

Nov. 28, 1842,

Æt. 7 weeks.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MR.

ROBERT DOLDT,

died

Dec. 4, 1842,

Æt. 42.

1843

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. BETSY,

*wife of**Mr. Joel Davis,*

died Jan. 26, 1843.

Æt. 58

*Return!**Suppress the mournful sigh,  
For she is happy, no more to die.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MR. SOLOMON  
FROST,  
died  
March 10, 1843,  
Æt. 46.

MR. JOSEPH D.  
NUTTING,  
DIED  
March 28, 1843 ;  
Æt. 56.

*"Happy as mortal can be,  
because I have trusted in the Lord  
Jesus Christ for pardon and  
salvation."*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. LUCY,  
*wife of Mr.*  
*Samuel Rockwood,*  
died  
April 15, 1843,  
Æt. 54.

The daughter of WILLIAM and REBECCA (BALL) WESTON, of  
Townsend, born March 11, 1789.

LEONARD FARR,  
DIED  
June 27, 1843,  
Æt. 64.  
PERSIS,  
his wife  
died Sept. 27, 1857,  
Æt. 77 y'rs 5 mo's.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

SACRED  
to the memory of  
MRS. HARRIET  
AUGUSTA,  
*wife of Mr.*  
*Henry K. Kemp,*  
who died  
Aug. 17, 1843,  
Æt. 25.

*My flesh shall slumber in the ground,  
Till the last trumpets joyful sound;  
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise  
And in my Saviour's image rise.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

*Frances Lorient,*  
*Daughter of*  
*Milo and*  
*Elizabeth P. Russell,*  
*died*  
Oct. 13, 1843,  
Æt. 3 months.

*Suffer little children to come unto  
me, for of such is the kingdom of hea*  
[ven.]

MR  
SHADRACH BARDEEN  
DIED  
Dec. 1, 1843,  
Æt. 65.

1844

RACHEL,  
wife of  
James McLain,  
DIED  
Jan. 2, 1844.  
Æt. 53.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. HANNAH,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Elisha Young,*  
died  
Jan. 2, 1844,  
Æt. 81.

*They die in Jesus and are blest :  
How kind their slumbers are :  
From sufferings and from sins releas'd,  
And freed from every snare."*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ABRAHAM  
SIMONDS,  
died  
March 13, 1844,  
Æt. 66 yrs.



[Urn. Willow Tree. Urn.]

MR.

JAMES MOORS  
DIED

March 26, 1844,

Æt. 34.

MRS. MARY H.

*wife of Mr.*

*James Moors,*

DIED

March 22, 1847

Æt. 32.

*The victory now is obtain'd;  
They are gone their dear Savior to see;  
Their wishes they fully have gain'd,  
They are now where they longed to be.*

MRS. LUCINDA,

*wife of*

*Mr. Joseph D. Nutting,*

DIED

April 1, 1844;

Æt. 57.

*In life, humble and devoted,  
In death, quiet and resigned,  
trusting in her Savior.*

The daughter of JONATHAN and HANNAH KEEP, born  
September 14, 1787.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

*Elizabeth*

*Fosphine,*

*Daughter of*

*Phineas &*

*Rachel Parker,*

*died*

*July 15, 1844,*

*Æt. 2 ys. & 7 ms.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SAMUEL W. WILSON  
drowned

July 22, 1844,  
Aged 28 years  
and 6 months.

*Son of Samuel & Lucy  
Wilson, of Nelson, N. H.*

*Death stalks abroad in varied shape,  
His fatal hand can none escape.*

He worked for Major AMOS FARNSWORTH, and was drowned while fording the Nashua River with a load of hay.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. AMELIA,  
*wife of Capt.*  
*Stephen Shepley,*  
died

Aug. 20, 1844.  
Æt. 52.

Her maiden name was SHATTUCK ; she was married April 9, 1818.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

BENJAMIN T.  
*Son of*  
*William F. and*  
*Caroline Hervees,*

DIED  
AUG. 29, 1844,  
ÆT. 1 YEAR  
4 MS. & 25 DS.

*7. Park [fecit.]*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MISS ALMIRA  
*Daughter of*  
*William and*  
*Polly Kemp,*

DIED

OCT. 10. 1844,

Æt. 31.

*Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. RUTH,  
*wife of*  
 Oliver Blood,  
 DIED

Dec. 2, 1844,

Æt. 70.

1845

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. ABIGAIL T.  
*wife of*  
*George W. Weston,*

DIED

Feb. 7, 1845,

Æt. 40.

*The months of affliction are o'er,*  
*The days and the nights of distress ;*  
*We see her in anguish no more —*  
*She has found a happy release.*

The daughter of DAVID and — (TRULL) WILKINS, of Amherst,  
 New Hampshire.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MARTHA,  
*dau. of*  
 John A. and  
 Susan M. Hunt  
*died*  
 Sept. 7, 1845,  
 Æt. 4 weeks.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MARY  
 ELIZABETH,  
*Daughter of*  
*Milo and*  
*Elizabeth Russell,*  
*died*  
 Oct. 5, 1845,  
 Æt. 17 ys & 2 ms.

*Blessed are the dead,*  
*who die in the Lord.*

*J. Park [fecit].*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

JOSIAH F.  
*Son of George &*  
*Sarah Richardson,*  
*died*  
 Oct. 15, 1845,  
 Æt. 5 months.

*Safty, peacefull,*  
*Lay him to rest ;*  
*Place the turf lightly*  
*O'er his young breast.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

Miss LUCY  
LAWRENCE

DIED  
Dec. 12, 1845,  
Æt. 49.

1846

ABEL DAVIS

*Born*

June 30, 1768 ;

*Died*

Jan. 30, 1846

OLIVE

Relict of Abel Davis

Born Jan. 15, 1766 ;

Died May 17, 1862 ;

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

CASINDANA S.

*Daughter of*

*Daniel N. and*

*Sophia Bardeen.*

DIED

Feb. 26, 1846,

Aged 13 ys. 4 ms.

and 21 days.

MR.

WILLIAM D. NUTTING

DIED

March 19, 1846,

Æt. 26 yrs.

*Husband, thou art gone to rest ;*

*And this shall be my prayer :*

*That when I reach my journey's end ;*

*Thy glory I may share.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

MR.

ASA LEWIS

DIED

June 10, 1846,

Æt. 68.

*Our labours done, securely laid  
In this our last retreat,  
Unheeded o'er our silent dust  
The storms of life shall beat.  
The pains of death are past ;  
Labour and sorrow cease ;  
And life's long warfare closed at last  
His soul is found in peace.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

MISS

MAHALA HUNT

DIED

July 11, 1846,

Æt. 45.

*For death to her spirit was gain  
Since Christ was her life when below.*

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

JOHN HOLMES

died

Aug. 15, 1846,

Æt. 67.

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1847

MARY M.  
Daughter of  
Leonard & Lydia  
FARWELL,  
DIED  
Dec. 6, 1847,  
Æt. 21 yrs. & 4 mos.

1848

Mrs. BETSEY SPALTER

DIED  
May 10, 1848,  
Aged 76 years.

*She walked in the light of her  
Saviour's countenance, and in his  
righteousness was she exalted.  
"She is not here, she has ascended to  
the bosom of her Father and her God."*

The daughter of MOSES and SARAH CHILD, born November 2, 1771; she married, first, TIMOTHY SPAULDING, and, secondly, JOHN SPALTER.

[Willow Tree and Urn.]

LUCY,  
wife of Dea.  
Samuel Rockwood,  
died  
May 12, 1848,  
Æt. 91.

The daughter of NATHAN and MARY HUBBARD, born August 20, 1757; she was married January 19, 1780.

JOHN SHATTUCK

*Died*

May 20, 1848.

Æt. 70.

MARY,

*his wife*

died Nov. 7, 1852.

Æt. 77.

The son of NATHANIEL and EUNICE (HAZEN) SHATTUCK, born March 22, 1778; his wife was a daughter of THOMAS BENNETT, born February 4, 1776.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

DR. AMOS BANCROFT

DIED

July 12, 1848,

Æt. 81.

The son of EDMUND and RACHEL H. (BARRON) BANCROFT, born May 23, 1767, at Pepperell; he graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1791, and studied medicine with Dr. OLIVER PRESCOTT, Jr. He was knocked down by a wagon in State Street, Boston, and lived but a few hours afterward.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ELIZABETH,

wife of

*Timothy Blood, Jr.*

died

July 31, 1848,

Æt. 40 ys. 7 ms.

*Behold and see as you pass by,  
As you are now so once was I;  
As I am now so you must be,  
Prepare for death and follow me.*

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1849

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

ABNER SHEPLEY

DIED

Mar. 20, 1849,

*Aged 63.*[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

OLIVER BLOOD

died

June 5, 1849,

*Æt. 74.*[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MARY HAZEN,

died

June 20, 1849 ;

*Æt. 23.*

*Friends nor physicians could not save  
My mortal body from the grave ;  
Nor can the grave confine me here,  
When Christ the light doth appear.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MR. AARON LEWIS

DIED

Oct. 9, 1849,

*Æt. 63.*

The son of JAMES and LUCY (CROSBY) LEWIS, born December 11, 1786, at Billerica ; he married, December 28, 1814, SARAH SPAULDING.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

CHARLOTTE  
*wife of*  
*Charles Gilson.*  
*(Formerly wife of*  
*David Nutting.)*

DIED  
 Nov. 8, 1849,  
 Æt. 61.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

JAMES BENNETT,  
 died  
 Nov. 20, 1849,  
 Æt. 70 yrs.

1850

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

EDETH,  
*Wife of*  
 Jonathan Nutting,  
 died  
 July 28, 1850,  
 Æt. 78.

[*Willow Tree.*]

WILLIAM  
*Son of James R. &*  
*Nancy A. McDaniel*  
 died  
 Sept. 2, 1850,  
 Æt. 2 yrs. 2 ms.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MARY JANE  
Moncrieff  
DIED  
Sept. 27, 1850,  
Aged 49.

1851

[*Monument.*      *Willow Tree and Urn.*      *Monument.*]

NATHAN AMES  
DIED  
Mar. 22, 1851,  
Æt. 87.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MR. SAMUEL  
ROCKWOOD  
DIED  
May 10, 1851,  
Æt. 69.

The son of SAMUEL and LUCY (HUBBARD) ROCKWOOD, born November 19, 1781; he married, November 19, 1818, for his first wife, ANNA HOUGHTON, and March 12, 1840, for his second wife, LUCY WESTON, of Townsend.

BETSEY WYMAN,

DIED  
June 21, 1851,  
Aged 20 yrs. 8 mo.

*Farewell dear child  
Thy days on earth are over  
When the toiles of life are past  
May we meet with you at last.*

1852

[Book and Index Hand.]

MARTHA B. SMITH,  
died April 20, 1852,  
aged 65 y'rs.

*I am the resurrection and the life;  
he that believeth in me, though he were  
dead yet shall he live.*

[Willow Tree.]

MARET BURGESS

DIED

Sept. 9, 1852,  
Æt. 56 y'rs.  
& 6 m's.

In memory of  
REV.

WILLIAM GRAGG  
who died Nov. 19, 1852,  
Æt. 66.

Also his wife

MARY P. GRAGG  
who died Nov. 29, 1852  
Æt. 65.

*No terror on their brows was seen,  
Their minds were peaceful and serene,  
Their Saviour's smile dispelled the gloom,  
And smoothed their passage to the tomb.*

The son of THOMAS and EUNICE (LAKIN) GRAGG, born September 22, 1786, at Groton; he married, January 29, 1833, MARY POLLARD, of Bedford, and at one time was settled as a minister at Windham, Maine. He was a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1820.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. LUCY,  
*wife of*  
*Mr. Joseph Sawtell*  
 DIED

Nov. 23, 1852,  
 Æt. 78.

*Friends nor physicians could not save*  
*This mortal body from the grave;*  
*Nor can the grave confine it here*  
*When Christ doth call it to appear.*

1853

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MISS  
 MARY CROUCH  
 died

June 10, 1853,  
 Aged 60 yrs.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

NANCY A.  
*wife of*  
*James R. McDaniel*  
 died

Nov. 18, 1853,  
 Æt. 30 ys. 7 ms.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

JOHN BOIT  
 died Nov. 23, 1853  
 Aged 86 yrs.

JOHN BOIT JR.  
 died June 16, 1871,  
 Aged 66 yrs.  
*God is love.*

1854

REBECCA SARAH,  
wife of

*Henry Archibald*

Died June 13, 1854

Æt. 35 yrs.

MARGARET AGNES

Died Aug. 12, 1852,

Æt. 6 yrs.

HENRY ADAMS,

Died Mar. 20,

Æt. 3 mos.

*Children of Henry &  
Rebecca S. Archibald.*

RICHARD BLOOD

DIED

Oct. 24, 1854,

Æt. 58.

Parted below



united above

SUSAN M.

wife of

John A. Hunt,

died Nov. 22, 1854,

aged 29 yrs.

*"Still her memory sweetly lingers,  
Still we listen for her song;  
But no more that form shall greet us,  
Seated with the fireside throng.  
Weep not that the link is severed,  
Soon the chain will perfect be,  
And the hearts once more united,  
When the fettered soul is free."*

1855

[*West Side.*]

[A MONUMENT.]

JONATHAN LORING

DIED

July 12, 1855,

Æt. 82 yrs.

MARY T.

his wife

died Oct. 23, 1865,

Æt. 89 yrs.

[*South Side.*]

NEHEMIAH TROWBRIDGE

Son of

Rev. Caleb Trowbridge

died Jan. 11, 1796,

Æt. 73 yrs.

[*East Side.*]

ABIGAIL TROWBRIDGE

wife of

Nehemiah Trowbridge

died Oct. 14, 1811,

Æt. 78 yrs.

*Thrice happy shades, now freed from cares,**Thy mortal frame at rest;**Secure from pain, from grief and fears,**With kindred souls thou'rt blest.*

The date of Mrs. TROWBRIDGE'S death, as given on the east side of the monument, is wrong; she died in the year 1814. See page 144.

1856

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MRS. MARTHA,  
*wife of Asa Lewis,*  
 died

Feb. 4, 1856,  
 Æt. 70.

*The saints, who now in Jesus sleep,  
 His own almighty power shall keep,  
 Till dawns the bright illustrious day,  
 When death itself shall die away.  
 My soul, my body I will trust,  
 With him who numbers every dust;  
 My Saviour faithfully will keep  
 His own — their death, is but a sleep.*

FREDERICK ADAMS

died Apr. 13, 1856,  
 Aged 49.

ELIZA,  
*his wife*  
 died 1839,  
 Aged 27.

*Farewell dear parents thou art  
 gone to rest.*

1857

AARON COREY

DIED

Mar. 15, 1857,  
 Æt. 73.

The son of NATHAN and MARY (GREEN) COREY; he married ELIZABETH BENNETT. During many years he was the driver of a stage-coach running between Boston and Groton.



MERRIC LEWIS

Born July 25, 1795,

Died April 23, 1857,

Æ. 61 yrs. 9 ms.

*Underneath this sod, rests,*

*"An honest man,*

*The noblest work of God."*

The son of JAMES and LUCY (CROSBY) LEWIS, and a native of Billerica.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MR.

BENJAMIN BANCROFT

died

Sept. 16, 1857,

Æt. 69.

The son of WILLIAM and AGNES (EDES) BANCROFT.

1858

FLORA M.

*dau. of H. L. &*

*Martha Stebbins,*

died

*Jan. 24, 1858,*

*Æt. 6 yrs. 2 Mos.*

*Rest lovely child early blest,*

*God called thee home he*

*thought it best*

NOAH SHATTUCK

DIED 1858.

*Aged 86 yrs.*

1859

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]ABIJAH  
NUTTING

DIED

July 16, 1859,  
Æt. 93.[*Monument.*      *Willow Tree and Urn.*      *Monument.*]LUCY,  
*Wife of*  
THOMAS DODGE,  
DIED  
Oct. 4, 1859,  
Æt. 82.DR. AARON ANDREW,  
Died Dec. 12, 1859,  
Aged 68 yrs.MARY His Wife  
Died Nov. 18, 1871,  
Aged 75 yrs.*Also their Dau.*MARY,  
Died Feb. 15, 1845,  
Aged 13 yrs.*We have loved thee on Earth.  
May we meet thee in Heaven.*

1860

[*West Side.*]

[A MONUMENT.]

DICKSON

WALTER DICKSON

died

Jan. 21, 1860,

Æt. 61.

A Missionary in Palestine  
for five years.[*North Side.*]

FRED. W. STEINBECK

killed by Arabs  
in Jaffa, Palestine

Jan. 12, 1858,

Æt. 36.

MARY E.

his wife,

daughter of Walter &amp;

Sarah Dickson,

died Dec. 10, 1867,

Æt. 34.

WALTER DICKSON was the son of WALTER and ANNA (TUFTS) DICKSON, and was born March 15, 1799, at Groton. His father removed to this town from Menotomy, since West Cambridge, and now Arlington. WALTER, the son, was a farmer until October, 1853, when he left Groton to work as an independent missionary in Palestine. In January, 1858, Mr. DICKSON's house at Jaffa was attacked by Arabs, and he himself severely wounded; his son-in-law, STEINBECK, was killed at the same time. He came back to this country in the following September.

ABIGAIL P. WOODS.

*Widow of*

JOSEPH WOODS.

died May 8, 1860.

aged 67, yrs. 5, mos.

SOPHIA,  
 wife of  
 PHINEAS NUTTING,  
 DIED  
 July 15, 1860,  
 Aged 77.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

LOVINA P.  
*wife of*  
*Robert M. Cooper,*  
*and daughter of*  
*Capt. Thomas and*  
*Lovina Farnsworth*  
 died Aug. 18, 1860,  
 Æt. 35.

ELIZABETH,  
*Wife of*  
 AARON COREY,  
 DIED  
 Sept. 11, 1860,  
 Æt. 77.

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1861

EBEN'R. C. ARCHIBALD  
 DIED  
 Oct. 20, 1861.  
 Æt. 22 yrs.

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1863

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

NABBY STANLEY  
 DIED  
 Feb. 22, 1863,  
 Æt. 83 ys. 8 ms.

THOMAS DODGE  
DIED  
March 1, 1863,  
Æt. 81 y's 6 mo.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

SARAH PIERCE,  
*wife of*  
*Aaron Brown,*  
died  
June 13, 1863,  
Æt. 77.  
*A Mother in Israel.*

The daughter of STEPHEN and ABIGAIL (PRESCOTT) PIERCE,  
born May 25, 1786.

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

JOSIAH EDWIN,  
*Son of John &*  
*Martha Smith,*  
died  
Aug. 3, 1863 ;  
Æt. 19 ys.

*" So fades the lovely blooming flower."*

[*Urn. Willow Tree and Urn. Urn.*]

MARY HEMENWAY  
died  
Oct. 9, 1863,  
Æt. 75.

*Farewell, ye friends, whose tender care*  
*Has long engaged my love ;*  
*Your fond embrace I now exchange*  
*For better friends above.*

ANNA SHATTUCK

DIED 1863.

*Aged 85 y'rs.*

1865

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

LYDIA

*wife of*

*Ephraim Heald  
and Daugh. of Jacob  
and Mary Patch,  
Died March 27, 1865,  
Aged 83 ys. 2 ms.*

1867

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

POLLY,

*wife of Capt.*

*Thomas Blood,*

DIED

Feb. 3, 1867,

*Æt. 82.*

*Blessed are the dead  
which die in the Lord.*

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

AGNESS S.

BANCROFT

DIED

Oct. 10, 1867,

*Æt. 84.*

The daughter of WILLIAM and AGNES (EDES) BANCROFT.

LUTHER HARTWELL

DIED

Oct. 15, 1867,

*Aged 76 yrs. & 9 ms.*

MARY,  
*wife of John Searles,*  
*formerly wife of*  
*Ebenezer L. Blood,*

DIED

Nov. 9, 1867,  
*Aged 83 yrs. 8 ms.*

FANNIE,  
 wife of  
 John M. E. Gilson  
 Died Dec. 1, 1867,  
 Æt. 55 yrs. 6 ms.  
 FRANCIS, their son  
 Died Oct. 29, 1849,  
 Æt. 1 yr. 6 ms. &  
 18 ds.

1869

DIADAMA,  
*Wife of Aaron Corey Jr.*

DIED

Feb. 13, 1869,  
 Aged 62 yrs.

WILLIAM KEMP

POLLY KEMP

his wife

died March 1, 1869,  
*Aged 80.*

*"Live, so as to meet me in Heaven."*

POLLY was the daughter of CALEB and ELIZABETH (FARNSWORTH) BLOOD; her husband, aged 88, is still alive.

1870

ISAAC BULLARD

DIED IN ACTON MASS.

July 28, 1870,

AGED 79 YRS. 9 MOS.

He was for many years — say from 1817 to 1830 — the driver of one of the stage-coaches running between Boston and Groton.

CLARISSA,

*wife of John Fletcher,*

DIED

Aug. 8, 1870,

Aged 60 y'rs. 4 ms.

*Gone to rest.*

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1872

SUSANNAH T. GEORGE

DIED

Nov. 10, 1872,

Æt. 65 yrs. 3 weeks.

*My feet are wearied and my hands are tired —  
My soul oppressed ;  
And with desire have I long desired  
Rest — only Rest.*

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1873

LYDIA YOUNG

DIED

Jan. 23, 1873,

Aged 72 y'rs,

&amp; 10 mo's.

*“Blessed are the dead that die  
in the Lord.”*

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1874

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

MIRANDA

wife of

MARET BURGESS,

Died Jan. 26, 1874,

Æt. 74 yrs. 8 ms.

1875

LYDIA W.

wife of

RICHARD BLOOD,

died

March 26, 1875,

Æt. 77.

JAMES H. BURGESS

Died

May 10, 1875,

Æt. 69.

*Stop, stop, young friends as you pass by,  
 As you are now so once was I;  
 As I am now so you must be,  
 Prepare for Death and follow me.*

1877

NANCY LAWTON,

widow of

LUTHER DAVIS,

died

May 2, 1877,

Aged 82 yrs. 2 mos.

&amp; 17 ds.





## T O M B S.

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THE earliest reference in the town records to any tombs is found in the warrant for the meeting held April 6, 1807, and is as follows:—

### “ARTICLE 3.

“3. To grant license if the town see cause, unto Hon. James Prescott Esq. Oliver Prescott James Brazer Samuel Lawrence and Thomas Gardner Esq.<sup>rs</sup> and Rev. Daniel Chaplin to erect and build tombs, family Vaults, or depositories of such dimensions, and of such construction, and in such manner as they, or either of them shall determine, with the priviledges sacred to the sanctuary of the Dead, at the Southeasterly corner of the common burial ground, or grave yard in Groton, where former graves, vaults, or depositories will not be disturbed.”

The subject was duly considered at the meeting, when it was

“Voted to grant the license prayed for, by Hon. James Prescott Esq. & others, in the third Article, provided, that not more than ten feet square in the clear, be improved by any one of the petitioners, for the purposes mentioned in this Article.”

In the warrant for the town meeting, held May 4, 1807, the third article is

“To see if they will grant license to Walter Dickson, to erect & build a tomb, under similar restrictions & with like priviledges as they voted at April meeting in favor of the Hon. James Prescott Esq. & others.”

The meeting was duly held, when it was

“Voted that be granted Walter Dickson to erect & build a tomb &c. as requested.”

A few years later — May 4, 1812 — the town

“ Voted that Ezra & Abel Farnsworth have leave to build a tomb in the public burying ground for their family use, provided they do not interfere with appropriated ground, under the inspection of the Selectmen.”

These tombs, however, do not appear to have been built till the year 1818, which date they all bear. They have recently been filled up, and hereafter are to be discontinued as places of burial. The representatives of the original owners, for the most part, have lots in the new cemetery. The following is a list of the names, cut in the granite facings of the tombs : —

JAMES PRESCOTT  
1818.

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LUTHER LAWRENCE.  
1818.

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[This stone within a few years has been taken away.]

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REV.  
DANIEL CHAPLIN  
1818.

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WALTER DICKSON  
1818

---

STUART J. PARK  
1818

---

EZRA AND  
ABEL FARNSWORTH  
1818

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JAMES BRAZER  
AND  
CALEB BUTLER  
1818

In the year 1822, ten or twelve tombs were built on the north side of the Burying Ground, although no mention is made in the town records of any vote on the subject. During a few subsequent years, other tombs were built, most of them by Joseph Blood, a stone mason, although no special permission — except in a very few instances — was given by the town. At the meeting held in March, 1832, the whole subject relating to tombs was placed under the control of the selectmen. It has remained in their hands ever since, although no new tomb has been constructed for a long time. When the wall around the ground was relaid in the year 1872, these tombs, with a few exceptions, were filled up, and no further interments are to be made in them. Such as were not filled up, are indicated by an asterisk [\*] in the margin.

Beginning at the north-west corner, near the Baptist Church, the following is a list, in regular order, of the names cut in the stone facings:—

J. POLLARD.  
WD. S. LAWRENCE.  
1841.

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N. MUNROE.  
1822.

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ISAIAH HALL &.  
DAVID FLETCHER.  
1822,

---

J. F. HALL  
AND  
B. MOORS.

---

\* W. LIVERMORE  
& B. AMES.  
1822.

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\* J. L. & I. PARKER.  
1822.

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JAMES FARNSWORTH.  
1822.

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ZECHARIAH FITCH.  
1822.

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A. LEWIS,  
1822.

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J. BLOOD  
& CAPELL,  
1822.

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G. BRIGHAM,  
& J. PEABODY,  
1822.

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S. O. ROW,  
1822.

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D. & W. CHILD  
1825.

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SAMUEL HARTWELL  
&  
JEREMIAH KILBURN,  
1825.

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SAMSON  
WOODS,  
1825.

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N. TARBELL,  
1825.

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P. GRAVES,  
1826.

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JESSE PARKER,  
1826.

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JACOB WILLIAMS,  
1828.

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JONAS &  
JOSHUA EATON,  
1828.

---

C. CHILD &  
K. DANFORTH.

1828.

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JOSIAH CLARK

1828.

---

E. NUTTING.

1828.

---

DANIEL SHATTUCK.

1830

---

J. & L & J. GILLSON

1831

---

ASA LAWRENCE

1832

---

OLIVER GRAGG,

1832.

---

J. H. & J. LORING,

1832.

---

LEVI. STONE.

1832

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## ABEL TARBELL'S TOMB.

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ABEL TARBELL

Died Oct. 19, 1860, Æt. 86 ys. 1 mo. 24 ds.

Pamela Tarbell, wife of

ABEL TARBELL

Died Aug. 27, 1849. Æt. 66

Abel Harkness Tarbell

Died June 18, 1835, Æt. 19.

CALVIN. HUBBARD

ABEL. HARTWELL

1832.

*Samuel Dana's Tomb.*

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SAMUEL DANA, died Nov. 20, 1835; Æ. 68.

REBECCA, *his wife*, died May 11, 1834; Æ. 54.CHARLES, *their Son*, was drowned July 31,1819; Æ. 20 ys. GEORGE, *their Son*, died

April 12. 1804; Æ. 1 yr. &amp; 6 ms.

N. SAWTELL. &amp;

A. STONE.

1836.

J. FITCH &amp; L. PARKER'S

TOMB 1836.

J. BROWN, &amp;

A. H. WILDER

1837

SAMUEL PIERCE.

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1837

J. A. BLOOD.  
J. M<sup>c</sup>GILSON.

✱ The Family Tomb of WILLIAM PARKER.  
WILLIAM PARKER, died Jan. 9, 1833, aged 71.  
HENRY PARKER, died May 1824, aged 36.  
JANE PARKER, drowned Sept. 13, 1826, aged 26.  
LOUISA GAGE, died Sept. 12, 1838, aged 34.  
ADDISON PARKER, died March 4, 1839, aged 29.  
DR. AARON ANDREW, died Dec. 12, 1859, aged 68.  
DAVID A. PATCH, died Sept. 25, 1839, aged 57.  
SUSANNAH, his wife, died June 9, 1865, aged 80 y. 9 m.

J. HOAR.  
1839.

EDMUND TARBELL.

J. A. FULLICK.  
D. BROOKS.

✱ F. A. BLOOD

✱ SILVESTER  
JACOBS TOMB  
1839.

ASA TARBELL.  
B. RUSSELL.

T. BLOOD.  
J. SAWTELL.



## APPENDIX.

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**D**URING many years Groton was a frontier town, situated relatively a long distance from Boston. At that period there were but few settlements in the colony, and the younger generations were wont to live near the home of their childhood. The population of the town, through the first century of its existence, was made up largely of the descendants of its founders and early settlers. In this Appendix, I purpose to give a short account of some of the families living here during that time, including a brief notice of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton, and of a few other persons connected with the history of the town. It will be seen that a considerable number of them came from Watertown and Lynn.

**Bancroft.** Benjamin Bancroft, the son of Thomas, of Reading, is the ancestor of the families of this name, living in Groton and its vicinity. He married Anna, daughter of John and Anna (Tarbell) Lawrence, of Lexington, and had nine children. He lived for a while at Charlestown, but afterward, about the year 1728, removed to Groton, where he died July 21, 1787, aged 86 years, and his widow also, April 3, 1790, aged 87 years. He was a tanner by trade, and lived a short distance south of the Unitarian Church, on the east side of the Great Road. His tannery was on the opposite side of the way. The stone powder magazine, used by the State during the Revolution, was situated on his land.

Benjamin, the eldest child, followed the occupation of his father, and lived on the old homestead. He was town treasurer and a deacon of the church, besides holding other positions of trust. He

married Alice, daughter of William and Mary (Farnsworth) Tarbell, and had eight children. His wife died November 29, 1781, aged 51 years, and he died October 27, 1804, aged 80 years.

Edmund, the second child, removed to that part of Groton, now Pepperell, where he carried on farming. He was town treasurer of Pepperell for twenty years, and a representative in the General Court. He married, December 30, 1747, for his first wife, Elizabeth Atherton, of Harvard, who died October 6, 1755, and he married, in the year 1758, for his second wife, Mrs. Rachel (Howard) Barron, widow of Jonathan Barron and daughter of Samuel Howard, of Chelmsford. She died June 3, 1784, aged 54 years, and he married, for the third time, Mrs. Phebe (Lawrence) Bancroft, widow of Jonathan Bancroft, of Salem, and daughter of Colonel William and Susanna (Prescott) Lawrence, of Groton. Edmund died October 25, 1806, aged 79 years, and his widow, November 21, 1808, aged 74 years. He had four children by his first marriage, and eight by his second. Dr. Amos Bancroft, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1791, and for many years a distinguished physician of Groton, was a son of the second wife.

Deacon Benjamin and Edmund were the only sons of Benjamin Bancroft who grew up to manhood.

**Barron.** Two brothers of this name, sons of Ellis and [Grace?] Barron, of Watertown, were original proprietors of Groton; Ellis, the elder brother, owning a fifteen-acre right, and John, the other, a seven-acre right. Ellis married Hannah, widow of Timothy Hawkins, of Watertown, and had several children, before coming to Groton, where others were born. John also had a family, but now for a long time there has been no representative of the name in the town. Elias Barron, of Groton, was in Captain Lovewell's fight, May 8, 1725, at Pigwacket, where he was wounded and afterward lost. The sum of £30 was allowed his family, by the General Court, June 17, 1725; and according to the record in the printed "Journal," of December 21, 1726, it appears that his widow's name was Priscilla.

Samuel Barron left a small bequest to the town, which still keeps his name in grateful remembrance. The following is an extract from his will, dated February 5, 1753:—

"My Will and plesuer is that the first Church of Christ in Groton should have sum thing oute of my Estate for the poore of saied Church and I do hereby

Give to the saied Church the sum of thirteen pounds five shillings and four pence Lawfull money to be paied to the saied Church oute of my Estate by my Executer within one year next after my decease to be Lett oute to Interest by the saied Church and the Interest to be appropriated for the Bennefit of the poore of saied Church as the Church shall order but the princple never to be deminished."

**Blood.** Three of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton, viz., Richard, John, and Robert, bore this name, and all three were sons of James and Ellen Blood, of Concord. Another brother, James, was an early proprietor of the town. Richard was the only one of these brothers that lived in Groton, and he is the ancestor of most of the name in this neighborhood. He was the largest proprietor in the town, owning a sixty-acre right, and was one of the first board of selectmen chosen by the inhabitants, and also town clerk in the year 1668. He married Isabel —, and had Mary, who died April 19, 1662; James, who was killed by the Indians, September 13, 1692; Nathaniel, who married, June 13, 1670, Hannah, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Long) Parker; Elizabeth, who married, December 1, 1686, Thomas Tarbell, the third of the name in Groton; and Joseph, who was an original proprietor of the town. Richard, the father, lived in the district called "Nod," and died December 7, 1683.

**Bridge.** The name of London Bridge will have more interest for the inhabitants of Groton, when it is known that he was a resident of the town, and that he remembered it in his will. This instrument, bearing date May 23, 1775, is on file in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge, and was presented for probate, January 25, 1776. The following are extracts from it: —

"I do hereby give and Bequeath the s<sup>d</sup> sum of Thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence to the Church of Christ in Groton afores<sup>d</sup> the Interest of which Sum is to be annually given to the poor of s<sup>d</sup> Chh. at the Discretion of their Com<sup>tee</sup>." . . .

He then makes provision for the payment of his debts and a small bequest to Captain Henry Farwell, and adds: —

"and if that should not be sufficient for those purposes my will is that my Executer take so much out of the above given to the Chh. as to Defray the Charges Aboves<sup>d</sup> and the Remainder be applied by the Chh. in manner as Aboves<sup>d</sup> for their poor."

**Cooper.** Timothy Cooper was one of the original petitioners for the plantation of Groton, and his name appears in the first list of selectmen, appointed by the General Court. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Hester (Pierce) Morse, of Watertown, and had four children. In the inventory of his estate, on file in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge, it is recorded that he was "Sleaine by the Indeins the Second day of march 1675-6." This is the date of the first attack on the town in King Philip's War.

**Davis.** Dolor Davis was a petitioner for the plantation of Groton, and one of the first board of selectmen appointed by the General Court. He came to this country from England, about the year 1640, and lived for a while at Barnstable. He is the ancestor of many of the name now living in Middlesex and Worcester counties. He married Margery, sister of Major Simon Willard, and at one time was a resident of Concord. He probably lived here but a short time ; he died at Barnstable in the year 1673.

**Farnsworth.** Matthias Farnsworth, the progenitor of the numerous families in Groton bearing this name, came from Lynn. He was an original proprietor of the town, and owned a twenty-acre right. His farm was situated on both sides of the road leading to Harvard, a little south of James's brook, more than a mile from the village. He was living at Lynn in the year 1657, and at Groton in 1664, though he may have been a resident of each place earlier than these respective dates. He died in the latter part of the year 1689, aged 77 years. The following is a copy of his will, on file in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge : —

Groton Jenewarey 15<sup>th</sup> : 1688-9 and in the 4 yere of the Rain of King Jams the sacond I mathyas farnworth sen of groton in the county of middsix in new ingland aged about 77 yers being wall considrat and of sound and parfitt Judgment and understanding thanks be to god for it I being sensabl of my many frailtyes & unsartanty of my natuerall lif and knowing what disaduantag many times hapens for want of a Right sating the hous in order being desiras to ackt and satl things that consarns me doe mak consnans and doe daclare this prasant instrement to be my last will & tastement in manar and form as foloweth making uoyd all formar wills ather by word or dead but first I Commit my soul to all myty god my Creator hoping I shal Rasaue full pardon of all my sins throw Jasus Christ and I commit my bodey to the earth from whans it was taken to be beured in such deasant manar as my exsecters shall see meet and

1. first to the distrebiting my eastat I doe giue to my beloued wif so long as she liues a widow won third of my whol astat and the moueabls within the hous I
2. doe laue to hur to daspose as shee pleases and sacondly I doe giue to my son mathyas farnworth for his full porshan that fiue akker Right which his deed spasefyes and a peece of madow called by the name of half moon madow and twanty akekers of land lying neer a plase called by the nam of Prascots olde mill and this to be counted to be his full porshan unlass he meets with malistation by any ralations of his and if so then I will and giue to my son mathyas my hom stall that I now dwell upon with hous & barn and that hom stall that my son mathyas now liues on to Ratur in seed thare of
3. and thirdly I giue to my son John farnworth that fiue akar Right that his deed spasefyes and tan shilins more to be Payed of the astat for his full porshan
4. fourthly I giue to my son bangeman farnworth that part of my land lying on the out sid of my hom stall fans at the lower end of the lot and twanty akekers at the plas neer prescotts old mill and six akkers of madow lying at south madow and this for his porshan
5. fifthly for my son samewall & Jonathan farnworth I doe giue the Rast of my land and madow that is undasposed on lying at the old mill for thare porshan

and I giue my daughter Robison won cow and to my daughter thacher I giue twenty shilins and to my daughter Stoon won cow and twanty shilins and to my daughter abigall farnworth twalue pound for her porshan and as to the Rast of my eastat undasposed of I leaue in the hand of my exsectters to daspose of to my wif or children as thay think to be most Rason I mak Chois of my son mathyas farnworth with nathanil lawrins san & Jonas prescott for exsackters this taken from his own mouth syned and sealed in the prasants of us

his  
mathyas **M** farnworth sen  
mark  
nathannil lawrance  
Jonas Prescott  
his  
Nicklas **N** huchins  
mark

also I giue my loam & tacklins for waring to my son mathyas farnworth

X<sup>br</sup>. 17. 1689 Charlestowne

Nathan<sup>l</sup> Larrance & Jonas Prescott appearing in Court made oath yt they were p<sup>r</sup>sent when Mathias ffarnworth Deced signed sealed and published this as his last will & Testament, and y<sup>t</sup> he was of sound judgment and of disposing minde when he did y<sup>e</sup> same and yt they sett there hands there to as witnesses w<sup>th</sup> Nicolas Hutchins

as att.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Phipps Cler

His wife's name was Mary, and they had ten children. The list of them given below is compiled from different sources. It is probable that his "daughter Robison" was the wife of James Robertson, or Robinson; and in that case, her name was Eliza-

beth, and probably she was born in England. James Robertson, an original proprietor of the town, married his wife, January 16, 1667, and she died December 22, 1729, aged 82 years. I am not sure about the order of the births of his children, but I suggest the following: Elizabeth [?], who probably married James Robertson; Joseph, born November 17, 1657, at Lynn, and died February 20, 1686-7; Mary, born October 11, 1660, at Lynn, and married, April 11, 1676, Samuel Thatcher, of Watertown; Matthias, born at Groton; John, who married, December 8, 1686, Hannah, daughter of John and Sarah (Eliot) Aldis, of Dedham, and had nine children; Benjamin, who married Mary, daughter of Jonas and Mary (Loker) Prescott, and had ten children; Samuel, who married, December 12, 1706, widow Mary (Whitcomb) Willard, and had three children; Abigail, born January 17, 1671, and probably married John Hutchins, of Groton; Sarah [?], who perhaps married Simon Stone; and Jonathan, born June 1, 1675, married Ruth ———, and had fourteen children.

John, one of the sons named above, was an influential man in all town affairs. He was an ensign in the militia, a selectman, a representative to the General Court from the year 1708 to 1714 inclusive, excepting 1711, and a deacon in the church. In the autumn of 1711, he was in command of one of the eighteen garrisons in the town. The name of Matthias Farnsworth, of Groton, appears in a list of prisoners in the hands of the French and Indians in Canada, March 5, 1710-11, though there is nothing in the record to show when he was captured. He was probably the son of Matthias, Jr., and, if so, he was a young man about twenty years old at the date of the list.

The first settlement of Charlestown, New Hampshire, — then known as Number 4, — was made in the year 1740, by three brothers, Samuel, David, and Stephen Farnsworth, natives of Groton. They all became leading men in the town, and distinguished themselves on several occasions in fights with the Indians. Samuel Farnsworth, the eldest brother, was killed in a skirmish, May 2, 1746; David was taken prisoner by a party of Indians, April 20, 1757, and carried to Canada. He managed to escape, and reached home, probably soon after his capture. Stephen, the youngest brother, also had his bitter experience with the savages. He was captured April 19, 1746, and taken to Montreal, where he remained seventeen months, when he was



exchanged. His health was so broken down by the hardships of his captivity that he never fully regained it. He died September 6, 1771, leaving behind him the example of a brave man and a useful citizen.

**Farrington.** Matthew Farrington was one of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton, and a member of the first board of selectmen appointed by the General Court. He was a son of Edmund Farrington, of Lynn, and was born in England.

**Gilson.** Joseph Gilson was one of the original proprietors of the town, and owned a nine-acre right. He married, November 18, 1660, Mary Caper, at Chelmsford, and removed from that town to Groton before March 5, 1665-6. He died in the summer of 1676, at Concord, where he went, probably, when Groton was deserted by its inhabitants. An inventory of his estate is on file in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge. He left five children, viz., Mary, born November 17, 1662, at Chelmsford; Timothy; Joseph, born March 8, 1666-7, at Groton, married twice, and had five children by each wife; Sarah, born June 25, 1669, at Groton; and John, born April 23, 1674, at Groton, married Sarah —, and had five children. Both Joseph and John lived and died at Groton, and John's widow married, May 17, 1709, for her second husband, Richard Warner, by whom she had four children. Joseph Gilson, a grandson of the original proprietor, was one of the seven Groton men with Captain Lovewell in his fight at Pigwacket, and the only one of the seven who escaped unhurt. One Joseph Gilson of Groton, presented a petition to the General Court, June 11, 1760, "representing his Services and Sufferings, for his Country praying a Compensation."

**Haven.** Richard Haven was one of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton. He was living in Lynn as early as the year 1645, and is said to have come from the west of England. His will was proved June 14, 1703.

**Hinckley.** Thomas Hinckley, one of the selectmen first appointed by the General Court, was probably a son of Samuel Hinckley, of Scituate, and afterward of Barnstable. If this sup-

position be correct, he was the Governor of Plymouth Colony from the year 1681 to 1692.

**Lakin.** William Lakin, the ancestor of the numerous families of this name that have lived at Groton, died December 10, 1672, at the advanced age of 90 or 91 years. He was born in England, and came to this country with his daughter-in-law and her two sons, William and John Lakin. Mr. Butler, in his excellent "History," (page 273), says that the family came from Redington, but as there is no such place in England, perhaps the parish of Ridlington is meant. They early settled at Reading, where the name was sometimes spelled Laukin. The two brothers were original proprietors of Groton, each owning a twenty-acre right.

William Lakin married Lydia, daughter of Abraham Brown, of Watertown, and had Lydia, born 1650; Mary, born 1652; William, born May 6, 1655; John, born January 3, 1658; Jonathan, born June 28, 1661; Abraham, born January 10, 1664; William, born May, 1665; Abraham, born September 11, 1667; and Eliab, born January 8, 1669. The first five were born at Reading, and the others at Groton.

John Lakin married Mary —, and had the following children, born at Groton, on the dates set against their respective names: Sarah, February 4, 1661-2; William, May 12, 1664; Abigail, March 13, 1666-7; Joseph, April 14, 1670; Benjamin, November 6, 1672; and Josiah, September 14, 1675.

William Lakin was appointed October 15, 1673, Lieutenant of the military company of the town, and his brother John was confirmed by the Governor and Council, July 13, 1689, as Ensign of the same company, though they may have acted as officers before these dates.

The murderous assault made by the Indians on the town, July 27, 1694, was begun at the house of Lieutenant William Lakin, who lived somewhere in the neighborhood of Chicopee Row. Isaac Lakin, a grandson of William, was wounded in Lovewell's fight with the Indians.

The following entry is found in the printed "Journal" of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, for January 10, 1760: —

"A Petition of *Oliver Laken* of *Groton*, in the County of *Middlesex*, shewing, that he was a Soldier in the Pay of the Province *Anno* 1758, and was on the 20th Day of *July* the same Year, Captivated by the Indian Enemy, suffered many &

great Hardships, and was obliged to borrow a Sum of Money to purchase his Freedom from Captivity; he therefore prays he may be allowed the Sum of Money he borrowed; also the Charges of his Passage home, and a further Allowance for his Loss of Time and Sufferings &c."

The answer to this petition is found in the proceedings of January 12, and is as follows:—

"The Committee appointed to consider the Petition of *Oliver Lakin*, Reported thereon.

"Read and accepted in Part, *viz.* *Resolved.* That the Sum of *eight Pounds*, be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury to *William Lawrence*, Esq; for the Use of the Petitioner, in full Consideration for his Services and Sufferings therein mentioned.

"Sent up for Concurrence."

The petitioner was a son of William and Miriam Lakin, and a great-grandson of Ensign John Lakin.

**Lawrence.** The ancestor of this numerous family was John Lawrence, who was born at Wisset, England, where he was baptized October 8, 1609. He married Elizabeth —, and had thirteen children, all with one exception born at Watertown, where he settled on coming to this country. His daughter Elizabeth was born in Boston. The date and the place of his marriage are not known. He was an original proprietor of Groton, owning a twenty-acre right; two of his sons were also original proprietors, Nathaniel having a ten-acre right, and Joseph a five-acre right. His house and land at Watertown were sold about the year 1662, and in the same year the name is found in the Groton records. John's wife, Elizabeth, died August 29, 1663, at Groton, and he married, November 2, 1664, for his second wife, Susanna, daughter of William Batchelder, of Charlestown, by whom he had two daughters. John died here July 11, 1667, and his widow, July 8, 1668, at Charlestown. His second son, Nathaniel, is represented in this neighborhood at the present time by numerous descendants. He held various offices in the church and town, and was one of the first representatives to the General Court, under the charter of William and Mary, in the year 1693. He married, first, March 13, 1660-1, Sarah, daughter of John and Hannah Morse, of Dedham, and lived for a while at Sudbury, before coming to Groton. His wife died August 29, 1683, and he married, secondly, Hannah —. In advanced life he removed to that part of Cam-

bridge now Lexington, where one of his sons was living, and here he died March 12, 1746, leaving a large family. Subsequently three of his grandchildren, Thomas, William, and Amos, came from Lexington to Groton to live. Two other of John's sons, Peleg and Enosh, lived at Groton, and had families. Enosh was wounded by the Indians, probably in the attack of July 27, 1694. He afterward represented in a petition to the Governor and Council that he was a very poor man by reason of wounds received in his hands, which almost wholly disabled him from earning a livelihood for himself and family. In consequence of these representations, he was allowed exemption from taxes, October 17, 1702, and an annual pension of three pounds during life. The name Enosh is a variation from Enos, and not from Enoch, with which it is frequently confounded. This will be seen by consulting the Geneva version of the Bible, long used in preference to King James's version, by the New England men, and out of which Enosh Lawrence was undoubtedly named. In this, "Enosh" will be found where the authorized version has "Enos," in Genesis v. 6, 7, 9-11.

**Longley.** William Longley was among the earliest settlers of the town, and was the owner of a thirty-acre right. He was the son of Richard Longley, of Lynn, where in the town records the name is sometimes spelled Langley. He had been one of the selectmen of Lynn, and was clerk of the writs in the year 1655. He removed, about the year 1660, to Groton, where he was one of the selectmen in the year 1665, and town clerk in 1666. He died November 29, 1680, leaving a will dated six days before his death. His widow, Joanna, afterward married Benjamin Crispe, whom she survived; she died at Charlestown in the year 1698. The following is a list of his children, though probably not in the order of their birth: John, born about 1640, married Hannah —, and had several children; Elizabeth, married, September 7, 1669, James Blood, and died about 1677, leaving two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, who married brothers named Shattuck; Anna, or Hannah, who married, June 30, 1666, Thomas Tarbell, Jr., and had several children; Mary, who married Samuel Leaman, probably of Charlestown; Sarah, born October 15, 1660, married, June 17, 1679, Thomas Rand, of Charlestown; Lydia, who married James Nutting, and had six children; and William, who married, May 15, 1673, Lydia —. He was town clerk in the year 1687,

and from 1692 till his death in 1694. William lived on the east side of the Hollis road, about a mile from the village. A melancholy interest is connected with the site, as it was here that he and his wife, with five children, were massacred by the Indians in their assault on the town, July 27, 1694. Three more of their children, Lydia, John, and Betty, were carried off by the savages, and taken to Canada. Lydia was sold to the French, and placed in the Congregation of Notre Dame, a convent in Montreal, where she embraced the Roman Catholic faith, and died July 20, 1758, at the advanced age of 84 years. Betty died soon after her capture from hunger and exposure, and John, the third child, remained with the savages for more than four years, when he was ransomed and brought away, much against his own will. At one time during his captivity, he was on the verge of starving, when an Indian kindly gave him a dog's foot to gnaw, which for the time appeased his hunger. He was known among his captors as John Angary. After he came home, his sister Lydia wrote from Canada, urging him to abjure the Protestant religion, but he remained true to his early faith.

Their grandmother, the widow of Benjamin Crispe, April 13, 1698, made her will, which was admitted to probate on the 28th of the following December, and in it she remembered these absent children as follows : —

"I give and bequeath Vnto my three Grand-Children y<sup>e</sup> are in Captivity if they returne Vizdt three books one of y<sup>m</sup> a bible another a Sermon booke treating of faith and the other a psalme book."

John Longley returned about the time that his grandmother died.

In the month of July last, I was in Montreal, where I procured, through the kindness of the Mother Superior, a copy of the record from the Congregation of Notre Dame, of which the following is a translation : —

"On Tuesday, April 24, 1696, the ceremony of baptism was performed on an English girl, named Lydia Longley, who was born April 14, 1674, at Groton, a few miles from Boston in New England. She was the daughter of William Longley and Deliverance Crisp, both Protestants. She was captured in the month of July, 1680 [1694 ?] by the Abénaqui Indians, and has lived for the past month in the house of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The godfather was M. Jacques Leber, merchant ; the godmother was Madame Marie Made-

leine Dupont, wife of M. de Maricourt, Ecuyer, Captain of a company of Marines : she named this English girl Lydia Madeleine.

[Signed]

LYDIA MADELEINE LONGLEY  
MADELEINE DUPONT,  
LEBER,  
M. CAILLE, *acting curate.*"

NOTE. — The date of capture in this record is written out in full, and the omission of one word would cause the mistake ; *i.e.*, "mil six cent quatre-vingt," omitting *quatorze*.

**Martin.** The name of William Martin heads the list of petitioners for the plantation of Groton. He was an original proprietor of the town, owning a twenty-acre right. He came here at an early date from Reading, where he had been one of the selectmen. He married the widow of William Lakin, Jr., — though neither the date nor the place of marriage is known, — and he lived near Martin's Pond, which was named after him. His wife died August 14, 1669, and he died March 26, 1672, aged about 76 years. He left a will, dated twenty days before his death, in which he bequeathed ten pounds "towards purchasing a meeting house bell for the town's use." It was sixty years, however, before the town obtained the legacy, and even then only by a suit brought against one of the legatees, who had wrongfully received a portion of Martin's estate.

**Moors.** Abraham Moors, the progenitor of various families bearing the name in this neighborhood, came from England, near the beginning of the last century. He was a weaver by trade, and lived in the south part of the town. He married, November 21, 1717, Elizabeth Gilson, and they had six sons and three daughters. Mr. Moors died in March, 1780, aged 87 years, and his wife December 4, 1770, aged 72 years. Their youngest son, Joseph, was in active service during a part of the French War, and served with distinction as an officer in the Revolution. He filled many positions of trust and responsibility among his townsmen, and died July 25, 1820, aged 82 years.

**Nutting.** John Nutting, the common ancestor of the different families in Groton bearing this name, was an original proprietor of the town, and owned a seventeen-acre right. His land lay on the northerly side of James's Brook, and his house, which was one of

the earliest garrisons, stood near the present site of Liberty Hall. It was from this garrison house that the Indian chief, on the night of March 13, 1676, "did very familiarly in appearance, call out to Capt. *Parker* that was lodged in another Garrison house," situated near where Captain Asa S. Lawrence now lives.

John Nutting married, August 28, 1650, Sarah Eggleton [?], at Woburn, where a son was born, who may have been John, mentioned below, and probably other children. A daughter, Mary, was born January 16, 1656, at Chelmsford, at which place John, James, and Mary were baptized August 3, 1656; also Sarah, born January 7, 1660, and died soon afterward.

He was one of the petitioners for the town of Chelmsford, and he removed probably from that town to Groton, where three of his children were born, — Sarah, May 29, 1663; Ebenezer, October 23, 1666; and Jonathan, October 17, 1668.

**Parish.** John Parish was an original proprietor of the town, and owned a five-acre right. He was one of a committee with John Page and Ensign Lawrence, chosen December 23, 1683, to prove the proprietors' title to their land. In the year 1693, he represented the town in the General Court. Thomas Parish, a son of Thomas Parish, of Cambridge, and a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1659, was living in Groton at an early date.

**Parker.** In the early history of Groton, this was the most numerous family in town. James Parker and Joseph Parker, probably brothers, were original proprietors, the first named owning a fifty-acre right, and the other a twenty-acre right. James was a distinguished man, and a leader in all public affairs. A sketch of his life and a copy of his will are given in Mr. Butler's "History" (pages 281–285). He was living at Woburn in the year 1640, and he married, May 23, 1643, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Long, of Charlestown. Their children were Elizabeth, born March 12, 1645, married — Gary; Ann, born March 5, 1647; John, born February 18, 1649; Sarah, born August 29, 1650, died next year; Joseph, born, 1651; James, born April 15, 1652; Josiah, born 1655; Samuel, born 1656; Joshua, born March 13, 1658, married Abigail (Shattuck) Morse, widow of Jonathan Morse; Zechariah, born January 14, 1659; and Eleazer, born November 9, 1660. He

married, for his second wife, Mrs. Eunice (Brooks) Carter, widow of Samuel Carter, and had a daughter Sarah, who was born December 12, 1697, after the father had reached the age of 80 years. His six oldest children were born at Woburn; before coming to Groton, he lived for a while at Chelmsford, where several others were born. He died in the year 1701, aged about 84 years. James's house lot lay on both sides of the principal street in the village, just south of the small stream which to this day is called James's Brook, named after him. His house was one of the garrisons during King Philip's War, and it was with Captain Parker that the Indian chief, on the night of March 13, 1676, talked, as mentioned in Hubbard's "Narrative." In the assault made on the town, July 27, 1694, his son James and Mary, his son's wife, were killed by the Indians, and "several" of their children carried away captives. Another son, Josiah, was a captain, and served in the war against the Indians; he was in command at Groton, July 21, 1706, when Nathaniel Healy, of Newton, one of his company, was "waylaid" and slain, together with Ebenezer Seger, also of Newton, "as they were going to Meeting On the Sabbath day." A brother of Seger's was taken captive at the same time. Joseph Parker, the other original proprietor, was probably a brother of James, and the ancestor of the most numerous branches of the family in this neighborhood. He was a large landowner in Groton, Chelmsford, and Dunstable. The town's brandmark, used probably for marking cattle, was approved by the Governor and magistrates, on his petition dated May 31, 1666. He married Margaret —, and had the following children, born at Chelmsford, on the dates set against their names: Joseph, March 30, 1653; Anna, February 2, 1655, died young; Mary, October 28, 1657; John, November 4, 1660, died October 8, 1661; Anna, November 16, 1663; Sarah, November 16, 1666, died September 15, 1704. Joseph, the father, died in the year 1690, leaving a large estate. Joseph, the son, married, first, Elizabeth —, and, secondly, November 19, 1684, Hannah Blood; he had three children by his first wife, and four by his second. He died about the year 1725.

Isaac Parker, of this town, was one of the early settlers of Charlestown, New Hampshire, where he went about the year 1740. He was taken prisoner by the Indians, April 19, 1746, and remained in captivity until the following winter, when he was released.



**Prescott.** This is the most distinguished name in the annals of Groton, and the families bearing it have been numerous. Jonas, the progenitor, was the son of John and Mary (Platts) Prescott, and was born at Lancaster, in June, 1648. He was a blacksmith by trade, and owned the mill in the south part of Groton, now within the limits of Harvard. It is said that a grant of land made by the town, about the year 1675, when it was much in need of a blacksmith, induced him to remove nearer to the village. He built a house and shop on the lot, which was situated on the easterly side of James's Brook, perhaps a third of a mile south of Lawrence Academy. He bought lands, until he became one of the largest owners of real estate in the town. Two years ago, a piece of wall was removed, which separated a part of this lot from the highway, near where it forks from the Boston road, and which contained a stone bearing this inscription : —

I. P.  
1680  
Rebuilt by  
O. P.  
1784  
Rebuilt by  
S. J. Park  
1841.

The initials I. P. are those of Jonas Prescott, and O. P. those of his grandson, Dr. Oliver Prescott.

Jonas married, December 14, 1672, Mary, daughter of John and Mary (Draper) Loker, of Sudbury, and they had four sons and eight daughters. Two of the sons died young, but all the other children lived to grow up and have families. The eight daughters, with one exception, married Groton men, and were blessed with a numerous offspring. Jonas filled many important positions in the town, and represented it in the General Court during the years 1699 and 1705 ; he died December 31, 1723, aged 75 years.

His youngest son, Benjamin, was a man of strong character and commanding appearance, and like his father filled many places of usefulness. He married, June 11, 1718, Abigail, daughter of the Honorable Thomas and Mary (Wilson) Oliver, of Cambridge, and

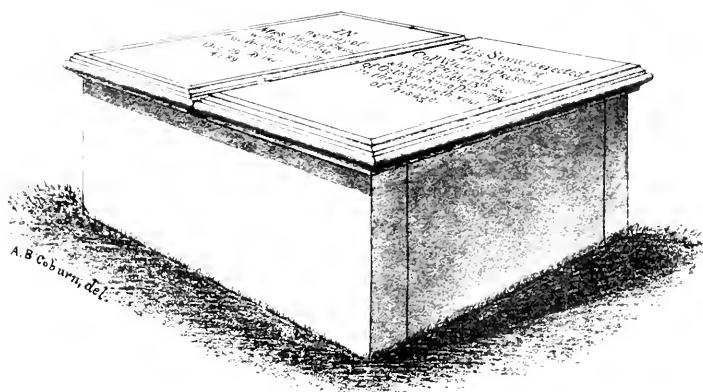
they had three sons and four daughters. He lived on the old homestead, where he died August 3, 1735, at the age of 42 years, after a short illness caused by over-exertion while haying. His three sons were all remarkable men, and exerted much influence in shaping public affairs during an important period.

James, the eldest son, represented the town in the General Court, as his father and grandfather had done before him ; was a member of the Senate and of the Executive Council. At the beginning of the Revolution, he was a member of the Provincial Congress and of the Board of War, and subsequently Sheriff of Middlesex County, and a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He died February 15, 1800, aged 79 years.

William, the second son, settled on a large estate owned by his father, in that part of Groton called the Gore, now included in Pepperell. He was a Lieutenant in the expedition sent in the year 1755 to remove the French Neutrals from Nova Scotia, and a Colonel of Minute Men enrolled in this neighborhood in the year 1774. As commander of the American forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, his name will never be forgotten. In subsequent years, at various times he filled the offices of town clerk, selectman, and representative in the General Court. He was the father of William Prescott, the lawyer and jurist, and the grandfather of William H. Prescott, the distinguished historian. He died October 13, 1795, aged 69 years, and was buried at Pepperell ; his widow died October 21, 1821, at the advanced age of 88 years.

On the opposite page is a representation of the monument in the Pepperell Burying Ground, erected to their memory. It consists of a thick slate slab, resting on a solid granite foundation.

Oliver, the third and youngest son, graduated at Harvard College, in the class of 1750, and studied the profession of medicine, in which he afterward had a wide reputation and an extensive practice. He was town clerk during thirteen years, and selectman during thirty-two years. Before the Revolution, he held the respective offices of Major, Lieutenant-colonel, Colonel, and General, in the militia. Subsequently, in the year 1778, he was appointed third Major General of the militia, and in 1781 second Major General ; but soon afterward he resigned the position, on account of ill health. He was a Justice throughout the Commonwealth, a member of the Board of War, a member of the Council of Massachusetts until he declined the office, and, in the year 1779, was



IN  
memory of  
MRS. ABIGAIL PRESCOTT,  
widow of the late  
COL. WILLIAM PRESCOTT  
who died  
Oct. 19; A.D. 1821.  
Æt. 89.

This Stone is erected  
in memory of  
Col. WILLIAM PRESCOTT  
of *Pepperell*;  
who died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of October Anno Domini 1735.  
in the seventieth year  
of his age.



appointed Judge of Probate, and continued as such until his death. He took an active part in suppressing Shays's Rebellion, which had many supporters in this neighborhood. He was one of the original Trustees of Groton Academy, and the first President of the Board of Trustees. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of various medical societies. He died November 17, 1804, aged 73 years.

**Sartell.** A family of this name settled in Groton about the beginning of the last century. It is said to be distinct from the Sawtells, who were here before them, though it is not improbable that they both came from the same stock. The head of the family was Nathaniel, and he had two sons and two daughters. Nathaniel, the elder son, lived at Charlestown, and was a mariner. He sailed on a voyage, and was never afterward heard from. Josiah, the second son, lived in Groton, and was the last representative of the town to the General Court, under the charter of William and Mary. By his will, dated September 3, 1775, he bequeathed to the town and church three farms and some other property, of which the proceeds constitute the greater part of the present Groton Ministerial Fund. He was buried in the old Burying Ground. Some years ago, his gravestone was taken to the new cemetery, and the following is a copy of the inscription on it : —

JOSIAH SARTELL ESQ.

died Aug<sup>t</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1784. aged 74

MARY SARTELL his widow, died

March. 30<sup>th</sup> 1790. aged 80.

and their Children who died in minority

NATHANIEL SARTELL ESQ. his

father, who died Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1741. aged 60

ABIGAIL GREEN her sister, who

died Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1790. aged 83.

and other relations.

*From death's arrest no age is free.*

Removed from the Old Cemetery to the new by Nathaniel  
Gillson to the lot of Simeon Gillson.

His widow, Mary, also made a bequest to the church. The following is the first clause in her will, which is dated November 28, 1789, and on file in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge : —

"I give and bequeath to the first church in the Town of Groton aforesaid my Silver Tankard, and the sum of Fifteen pounds Lawfull money, to be for the use of said Church Forever "

**Sawtell.** Richard Sawtell, the ancestor of numerous families bearing this name, was an original proprietor of Groton, and the possessor of a twenty-acre right. Two of his sons were also original proprietors, Jonathan having a five-acre right, and Zechariah a ten-acre right. He came here from Watertown, where he was living as early as the year 1636. He was town clerk of Groton in 1662 and the two subsequent years. He died August 21, 1694, at Watertown, where he went, doubtless, in the spring of 1676, after the destruction of this town by the Indians. In his will, dated May 16, 1692, he mentions his wife Elizabeth. She died October 18, 1694. They had a large family, born probably at Watertown, three of whom, Obadiah, Jonathan, and Zechariah, lived at Groton. Obadiah, the eldest, married Hannah, daughter of George Lawrence, had Abigail, born March 13, 1665-6, and probably Obadiah. Jonathan, born August 24, 1639, married, July 3, 1665, Mary —, and had six children, of whom Jonathan, the youngest, was born April 6, 1676, at Watertown. Jonathan, the father, died January 6, 1690-1, and his wife, April 26, 1676, a few days after the birth of her youngest son. Zechariah, born about the year 1644, married —, and had Anna, born March 14, 1673-4, and probably Nathaniel.

This family is largely represented at Charlestown, New Hampshire, where the name is spelled Sartwell. This branch sprang from Obadiah, an early settler of that town, who went from Groton about the year 1740. He was taken prisoner by the Indians, May 24, 1746, and was held until August 20, 1747. He finally met his death at their hands, June 17, 1749, being attacked while ploughing in his cornfield, without suspecting any danger.

In the printed "Journal" of the House of Representatives, June 16, 1738, is found

"A Petition of *Josiah Sartell*, shewing that he was a Soldier in the Service of the Province for sundry Years, and was in divers Fights against the Indian Enemy, wherein many of them were slain, and he himself was wounded in some of the Engagements, that he has received nothing in Consideration of his Smart and Services, but the established Pay, that he has a large Family, and under low Circumstances; that he lately presumed for want of Lands and Means of purchasing, to go upon some of the Province Land on the West side of *Connecticut*

*River*, adjoining to *Northfield*, a new *Canada* Town and some Farms, has built a small House thereon, and improved some of the Lands there, praying that he may obtain a Grant, or be allowed to purchase such Part of the Province Land there, as the Court shall think convenient in Consideration of the Premises. Read and *Ordered*, That the Petition be considered on Tuesday the 20th Instant."

It was voted June 22, that one hundred acres of the unappropriated lands of the Province be granted the petitioner, and, in the record of this date, the name is spelled Joseph Sautell.

In the same "Journal," June 13, 1759, there is

"A Petition of *David Sartwell* of *Groton*, in the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that his Son *Abel Sartwell*, went forth in the Expedition against *Canada* the last Year; that near *Half-Way-Brook* (so called) he was in an Engagement with the Enemy, and killed; that his Gun was then lost; he therefore prays the Stoppage may be taken off, and the Treasurer be directed to allow him the *three Pounds* mentioned."

**Shattuck.** John Shattuck is the ancestor of all the families in Groton and its neighborhood, who bear this name. He was the son of William and Susanna Shattuck, of Watertown, where he himself was born, February 11, 1647. He married, June 20, 1664, Ruth, daughter of John, Jr., and Ruth Whitney, who was born April 15, 1645, at Watertown. About the time of his marriage, lands in Groton were granted him, but it does not appear that he ever was an inhabitant of the town. In King Philip's War, he was a sergeant of a military company raised in Watertown to protect the remote settlements in the Connecticut valley. On one of the marches the company was attacked by the Indians, and more than one half of the command were slain. Sergeant Shattuck was deputed to bear the news of the affair to the Governor of the colony, and, on his way, while crossing the ferry between Charlestown and Boston, September 14, 1675, the boat was sunk, and he was drowned. His widow afterward married Enosh Lawrence. In the year 1678, the date of the re-settlement of the town, Lawrence and his wife removed to Groton, bringing with them the four young children of her first husband, all born at Watertown. They probably occupied the land previously granted to John Shattuck, which was situated in the north part of the town. The children were John, born June 4, 1666, and married Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Longley) Blood; Ruth, born June 24, 1668, and married, probably, Jonathan Farnsworth; William, born September

11, 1670, and married, first, Hannah Underwood, and, secondly, Deliverance Pease; and Samuel, who married Elizabeth Blood, a sister of his brother John's wife.

The eldest of these children, John Shattuck, and his son, John, Jr., a young man in the nineteenth year of his age, were murdered by the Indians, May 8, 1709. They were attacked, as they were crossing the Nashua River, in the vicinity of the Stony Ford-way, near the present site of Hollingsworth's paper mills, while returning from the west side of the river, where Mr. Shattuck owned land.

A remarkable fatality seems to have followed Mrs. Shattuck's kindred. Her husband and eldest son were killed by the Indians, as has just been mentioned. Her father, James Blood, was likewise killed September 13, 1692. So also were her uncle, William Longley, his wife and five children, July 27, 1694, and three other of their children were carried away into captivity at the same time. A distant relative, James Parker, Jr., and his wife were killed in this assault, and their children taken prisoners. Her stepfather, Enosh Lawrence, received a wound in an engagement with the Indians, probably in the same attack of July 27, 1694, which almost wholly prevented him from earning a livelihood for himself and family. The three Tarbell children, who were carried off to Canada by the Indians, June 20, 1707, were cousins of Mrs. Shattuck. John Ames, the father-in-law of her niece, Ruth (Shattuck) Ames, was shot by the savages at the gate of his own garrison, July 9, 1724. And lastly, her son-in-law, Isaac Lakin, the husband of her daughter Elizabeth, was wounded in Lovewell's fight at Pigwacket, May 8, 1725. These calamities covered a period of only one generation, extending from the year 1692 to 1725.

**Shopley.** This has been a common name in Groton, from an early date. The first settler who bore it, and all his family, excepting a son John, were massacred by the Indians. The sad event took place in the assault on the town, July 27, 1694, when his house was burned, and the boy John carried off into captivity by the savages, and held during several years. The knowledge which he obtained of their language and customs while a prisoner was of much use to him in dealing with them in after-life. Tradition relates that, when buying furs and skins of the Indians, he used to put his foot in one scale of the balance instead of a pound



weight. In the summer of 1704, while he and thirteen other men were reaping in a field at Groton, they were attacked by about twenty Indians. After some skirmishing, Shepley and one of his comrades, Butterfield by name, succeeded in killing one of the assailants, for which act they were allowed each four pounds by the Government. He is the direct ancestor of the late Honorable Ether Shepley, formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Maine, and of General George F. Shepley, now a Justice of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit of the United States.

John Shepley, who lived at Wenham, was probably the progenitor of the Groton family. He removed to Chelmsford in the year 1656, at the time the Reverend Mr. Fiske took a majority of his church to that town.

**Stone.** This has been a common name for nearly two centuries, and the families bearing it have lived in the south part of the town. Deacon Simon Stone was an original proprietor, owning an eighteen-acre right. He was the oldest of the children of Deacon Simon and Mary (Whipple) Stone, of Watertown. Perhaps he is the person referred to by Mather (*Magnalia*, vii. 74), who was severely wounded by the Indians, July 4, 1690, at Exeter, New Hampshire. Simon Stone and John Stone, mentioned in the distribution of garrisons, March 17, 1691-2, were probably father and son. Simon married Sarah —, and it is probable that several of his children were born before he came to Groton, as their births are not recorded in the town records. Among these were John and Simon, Jr., who were often chosen town officers; James, a son of Simon, Jr., was a deacon in the church.

**Tarbell.** Thomas Tarbell, the ancestor of this family, sold his house and land in Watertown in the year 1663, and about the same time removed to Groton. He and Thomas, Jr., were original proprietors of the town, the father owning a twenty-acre right, and the son a six-acre right. The name is sometimes written Tarbole. He married Mary —, and had Elizabeth, born January 5, 1656-7, and William, born February 26, 1658-9, both at Watertown. The names of two other children, Thomas, Jr., and Abigail, do not appear in the town records of Watertown, and they probably were born before he settled in that town. He was one of four men, to whom twenty acres of land were granted by the town of

Groton, in the year 1665, on condition that they should build a grist-mill. At the outbreak of King Philip's War, he went to Charlestown, where he married, for the second time, August 15, 1676, Susanna, widow of John Lawrence, Jr. He died at Charlestown as early as the beginning of 1681, and his widow at the same place, January 5, 1692. Thomas Tarbell, Jr., married, June, 30, 1666, Hannah, daughter of William and Joanna Longley, and had four children. He died in the autumn of 1678, and administration on his estate was granted his widow, December 18, 1678. Thomas Tarbell, 3d, eldest child of the preceding Thomas, married, December 1, 1686, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard and Isabel Blood, and had ten children. He was town clerk of Groton in the years 1704 and 1705. He lived on what is now known as Farmers' Row, a short distance south of the Lawrence Farm. He was probably the "Corp<sup>o</sup> Tarboll," who commanded, in the autumn of 1711, one of the eighteen garrisons in the town. Three of his children, Sarah, John, and Zachariah, were carried off by the Indians, June 20, 1707, and never came back to remain. They were picking cherries early one evening—so tradition relates—and were taken before they had time to get down from the tree. They were carried to Canada, where, it would seem, they were treated kindly, as no inducement was strong enough afterward to make them return. The girl was sold to the French, and placed in a convent near Montreal; the boys remained with their captors at Caughnawaga, an Indian village near Montreal, and subsequently married squaws and became chiefs of their tribe. Their case was brought before the Council and House of Representatives, April 20, 1739, in Boston, by Governor Belcher, when he made a speech, in which he said that—

"There are lately come from Canada some Persons that were taken by the Indians from Groton above thirty Years ago, who (its believed) may be induced to return into this Province, on your giving them some proper Encouragement : If this Matter might be effected, I should think it would be not only an Act of Compassion in order to release them from the Errors and Delusions of the Romish Faith ; but their living among us might, in Time to come, be of great Advantage to the Province."

The matter was referred to a committee, but no definite result was reached. Nearly forty years after their capture, Governor Hutchinson met them in New York State, and refers to them thus :—

"I saw at Albany two or three men, in the year 1744, who came in with the Indians to trade, and who had been taken at Groton in this, that is called Queen Ann's war. One of them — Tarbell, was said to be one of the wealthiest of the Cagnawaga tribe. He made a visit in his Indian dress and with his Indian complexion (for by means of grease and paints but little difference could be discerned) to his relations at Groton, but had no inclination to remain there." — Hutchinson's "History of Massachusetts," ii. 139.

Some years after this time, these two boys — now grown up to manhood, and occupying the position of chiefs — moved up the St. Lawrence River, accompanied by several others, all with their families, and established the little village of St. Regis.

In the month of July last, I visited the place, and was interested to learn from the parish priest that the descendants of these two boys were among the prominent families of the settlement, where there are perhaps forty persons who bear the name. They keep up in a great measure the same given names that are common among their collateral kindred in this town. While in Montreal, I procured, through the kindness of the Mother Superior at the Congregation of Notre Dame, the record of Sarah's baptism, of which the following is a translation : —

"On Monday, July 23, 1708, the ceremony of baptism was performed on Sarah Tarbell, who was born at Groton in New England, October 9, 1693. Her parents were Thomas Tarbell and Elizabeth Wood, both Protestants, and she was baptized by the minister shortly after her birth. Having been taken by the savages on Monday, June 20, 1707, she was brought to Canada ; she has since been sold and has lived with the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, established at Lachine, where she abjured her religion on May 1. Her godfather was M. Jacques Urbain Robert de Lamorandière, Secretary of M. l'Intendant ; and her godmother was Madame Marguerite Bonat, wife of M. Étienne Pascaud, the deputy treasurer of the King, in this country.

Her name Sarah has been changed to Marguerite.

[Signed]

MG<sup>TE</sup> BONAT,  
PASCAUD,  
LAMORANDIÈRE,  
MERIEL, PRÊTRE."

Thomas Tarbell, the father of these children, made his will September 26, 1715, which was admitted to probate six weeks later. After making certain bequests to different members of his family, he says : —

"all the rest & residue of my Reall Estate I give to be Equally divided between my three children, John, Zachary, & Sarah Tarbell, upon their return from Captivity, or In Proportion unto any of them that shall return, & the rest, or the parts belonging to them that do not return, shall be Equally divided among the rest of my children."

In the printed "Journal" of the House of Representatives, for April 22, 1746, there is found "A Petition of *William Tarbell* of *Groton*, a Soldier wounded in the Service of the Province, praying a Consideration therefor." This petitioner was a nephew of the captives.

**Tinker.** John Tinker, one of the original selectmen appointed by the General Court, was living as early as the year 1643, at Windsor, Connecticut, and afterward at Boston. He was among the first settlers of Lancaster, where he was a selectman and town clerk. At one time he bought of the Government the right to trade in furs at Nashaway [Lancaster] and Groton. He subsequently removed to New London, Connecticut, and died suddenly, in October, 1662, at Hartford.

**Winthrop.** Deane Winthrop, whose name stands at the head of the earliest list of selectmen appointed by the General Court, was a son of Governor John Winthrop, of Massachusetts, and a native of Groton, England. It was in compliment to him that the name of his birthplace was given to this town. The following letter, written by a distinguished representative of his family, will be read with interest:—

BOSTON, 27 February, 1878.

MY DEAR DR. GREEN, — It would give me real pleasure to aid you in establishing the relations of Deane Winthrop to the town of Groton in Massachusetts. But there are only three or four letters of Deane's among the family papers in my possession, and not one of them is dated Groton. Nor can I find in any of the family papers a distinct reference to his residence there.

There are, however, two brief notes of his, both dated "the 16 of December, 1662," which I cannot help thinking may have been written at Groton. One of them is addressed to his brother John, the Governor of Connecticut, who was then in London, on business connected with the Charter of Connecticut. In this note, Deane says as follows:—

"I have some thoughts of removing from the place that I now live in, into your Colony, if I could lit of a convenient place. The place that I now live in is too little for me, my children now growing up."

We know that Deane Winthrop was at the head of the first Board of Selectmen of Groton a few years earlier, and that he went to reside at Pullen Point, now called Winthrop, not many years after.

I am strongly inclined to think with you that this note of December, 1662, was written at Groton.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. C. WINTHROP.

SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D.

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**Witt.** John Witt was one of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton ; but he probably never was an inhabitant of the town. As early as the year 1650 he was a resident of Lynn, where he died December 2, 1675.

**Woods.** Samuel Woods was an original proprietor of Groton, and owned an eleven-acre right. He is the ancestor of most of the families in this neighborhood, bearing the name. Two of his grandchildren, Thomas Woods and Daniel Woods, were with Captain John Lovewell, in his famous fight with the Indians, May 8, 1725, and both were killed. Henry Woods, a great-grandson, was in an expedition up the Kennebec River, in the summer of 1755. At the Battle of Bunker Hill, he was a Major under Colonel William Prescott, and subsequently promoted to a colonelcy ; after the war he was a general of the militia.

SOME INSTANCES OF LARGE FAMILIES AND OF  
LONG-LIVED PERSONS IN GROTON.

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THE following are some instances of large families, reared in Groton, between the years 1700 and 1800. The maiden names of the mothers, so far as they are known, are given within parentheses : —

Robert and Deborah Parker had sixteen children. Ebenezer and Abigail Blood, Joseph and Abigail (Sawtell) Parker, Jonathan and Ruth Farnsworth, and Oliver and Sarah (Tarbell) Farnsworth were blessed, each couple, with families of fourteen children.

Mrs. Joseph Parker, named above, "left two Hundred or upwards of Children & Grandchildren," according to the inscription on her grave-stone. She died February 19, 1787, in the 90th year of her age.

Jonas and Jemima (Holden) Green were the happy parents of ten children, all born within a period of less than eleven years, and among them were twins and triplets. By a second marriage, Jonas became the father of nine more children.

Elisha and Elizabeth (Adams) Rockwood were favored with thirteen children. Isaac and Priscilla (Dodge) Bowers, John and Ruth Frost, Jonathan and Esther (Shedd) Lawrence, Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Page) Nutting, John and Elizabeth (Nutting) Nutting, Joseph and Mary (Prescott) Stone, Captain John and Molly (Everett) Williams, and Nathaniel and Alice Woods were each the parents of twelve children.

Some remarkable cases of longevity and of regular succession of deaths, in this town, during one year, are given in the Groton "Spirit of the Times," for July 26, 1848. The list was furnished by Mr. Butler, and is as follows : —

Molly, widow of Amos Stone, died May 13, 1847, aged 94 years and 1 month.

Abigail, widow of John Lawrence, died July 10, 1847, aged 93 years and 9 months.

Mary, widow of John Capell, died September 6, 1847, aged 93 years, 4 months and 25 days.

Major Amos Farnsworth died October 19, 1847, aged 93 years, 6 months and 1 day.

Elizabeth, his widow, died December 11, 1847, aged 90 years, 7 months and 24 days.

Lucy, widow of Deacon Samuel Rockwood, died May 12, 1848, aged 90 years, 8 months and 23 days.

All the above-named persons, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Capell, were natives of Groton, and each one of the six decedents was, at the date of death, the oldest person in town.

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It is interesting to note the changes that have occurred in baptismal names within a few generations. In the early days of New England, certain names that now sound uncouth to the ear were in common use in every community. They were taken largely from the Bible, which was, perhaps, the only book universally read at that time. Zerubbabel Kemp was living in Groton at the beginning of the last century, and he gave the name to one of his sons, who lived to grow up, notwithstanding the infliction. Me-philbosheth Adams was a resident of the west parish of Groton a hundred and fifty years ago, but he spared his own boys. A class of names, common in the last century, and representing abstract qualities, such as Faith, Hope, Charity, Temperance, Prudence, and Virtue, have now entirely disappeared. The good old names of Molly, Polly, Dolly, and Sally are never seen in their original spelling; Susie is considered a better form than Sukey, and Bessie is preferred to Betty.

The name of Gabriel Lakin, of Groton, was kept up through several generations, and the name of Sibyl was in common use in the same family. John Frost, perhaps a kinsman of the well-known "Jack Frost," had, among his twelve children, a son called Scripture. His eldest daughter was Jemima, and his three youngest were named respectively Tryphena, Patience, and Submit.

Mr. Butler, in the genealogical Appendix to his "History" (page 394), mentions the family of "John Darby and Mary," and in the next page gives that of "John Derbyshire and Mary," as if they were different families. They were, however, undoubtedly one and the same. This view is confirmed by the name of the wife, the dates of the birth of the children, and the tendency in former times to cut words short. Before coming to Groton, John lived at Dunstable, where other children were born. I have seen his signature, and he wrote it Darbyshire.







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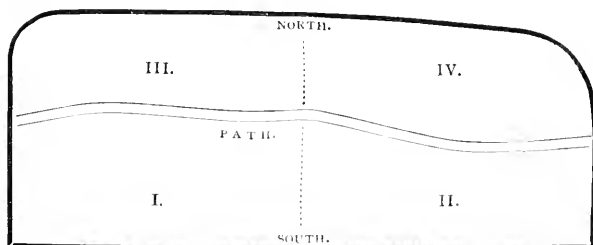


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